Daytime Prayer

Friday, February 23, 2007

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

OPENING

O God, come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN

> **Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**
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> Lord, who throughout these forty days
> for us did fast and pray,
> teach us with you to mourn our sins
> and close by you to stay.

PSALMODY

Psalm 119 *Your Word Is a Lamp (Mem)*

> *Ant. My sacrifice is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.*

Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my paths.

I have sworn and have determined to keep the judgments of your justice.

I have been humbled greatly; O Lord, enliven me according to your word.

The voluntary offerings of my mouth, make them acceptable, O Lord, and teach me your judgments.

My soul is always in my hands, and I have not forgotten your law.

Sinners have set a snare for me, and I have not strayed from your commandments.

I have inherited your testimonies forever, because they are the joy of my heart.

I have inclined my heart to do your justifications forever, for the reward.

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Psalm 119 *I Have Hated the Double-minded (Nun)*

> *Ant. My sacrifice is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.*

I have hated the iniquitous; and I have loved your law.

You are my helper and my supporter; and I have hoped in your word.

Depart from me, you malicious; and I will search the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according to your word and I will live; and do not confound me in my expectation.

Help me and I will be saved; and I will always meditate on your justifications.

You have despised all those who fall away from your justifications; for their thought is unjust.

I have considered all the sinners of the earth to be prevaricators; therefore I have loved your testimonies.

Pierce my flesh with your fear; for I am afraid of your judgments.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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SHORT READING

JEREMIAH 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

RESPONSORY

V. We adore your cross, O Lord.

R. We praise your holy resurrection.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord of the cross, help us to carry our own crosses with patience and trust, knowing that you walk beside us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.