Evening Prayer

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Saint Joseph the Worker

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, his the scepter, his the throne;
alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Psalm 137 *I Give Thanks With My Whole Heart*

> *Ant. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Alleluia.*

I will confess to you, O Lord, with my whole heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the sight of the angels, I will sing to you; I will adore toward your holy temple, and I will confess to your name.

Your mercy and your truth, for you have magnified your holy oracle above all things.

In whatever day I will call upon you, hear me; you will increase virtue in my soul.

Let all the kings of the earth confess to you, O Lord; for they have heard all the words of your mouth.

And let them sing in the ways of the Lord; for the glory of the Lord is great.

For the Lord is exalted, yet he looks toward the humble; and he knows the lofty one from a distance.

If I walk in the midst of tribulation, you will enliven me; and you stretched forth your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand has saved me.

The Lord will repay on my behalf; O Lord, your mercy is forever; do not despise the works of your hands.

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.

> *Ant. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Alleluia.*

Psalm 138 *Lord, You Have Searched Me*

> *Ant. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the feast. Alleluia.*

Lord, you have examined me and known me.

You have known my sitting down and my rising up.

You have understood my thoughts from afar; my path and my way of life you have investigated.

And you have foreseen all my ways; for there is no word on my tongue.

Behold, O Lord, you have known all things, the last and the first.

You have formed me, and you have placed your hand over me.

Knowledge of you has become a wonder to me; it has been made strong, and I am not able to attain it.

Where will I go from your spirit? And where will I flee from your face?

If I ascend into heaven, you are there; if I descend into hell, you are present.

If I take up my wings in early morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there your hand will lead me, and your right hand will hold me.

And I said: "Perhaps darkness will trample me down," and night will be my illumination in my delights.

For darkness will not be made dark by you, and night will be made bright like the day; as its darkness, so also its light.

For you have possessed my inmost being; you have received me from the womb of my mother.

I will confess to you, for you are fearfully magnified; your works are wonderful, as my soul knows very well.

My bone, which you made in secret, is not hidden from you, and my substance is in the lower regions of the earth.

Your eyes foresaw my imperfection, and all will be written in your book.

The days will be formed, and no one else is in them.

But to me, your friends have been greatly honored, O God; their principality has been greatly strengthened.

I will number them, and they will be multiplied beyond the sand.

I rose up and I am still with you.

But if only you would slay the wicked, O God; you men of blood, depart from me.

For you say in thought: "They will receive your cities in vain."

Have I not hated those who hate you, O Lord; and have I not wasted away over your enemies?

I have hated them with perfect hatred; they have become enemies to me.

Try me, O God, and know my heart; examine me, and know my paths.

And see if there is any way of iniquity in me, and lead me along the eternal way.

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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NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

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Great and wonderful are your works, O Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, O King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

For all nations will approach and adore in your sight,

because your judgments have been made manifest.

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.

SHORT READING

COLOSSIANS 3:3–4

> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

RESPONSORY

V. Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening. Alleluia.

R. The day is now far spent. Alleluia.

V. Make our hearts burn within us,

R. as you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT (LUKE 1:46-55)

THE CANTICLE OF MARY (MAGNIFICAT) (LUKE 1:46–55)

> *Ant. The Lord is risen indeed, and he appeared to Simon. Alleluia.*

My soul magnifies the Lord.

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Because he has regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold, from henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

Because he who is powerful has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation to generation for those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He has deposed the powerful from their seat, and he has exalted the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has received Israel, his servant, being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers: to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

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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EVENING INTERCESSIONS

As we close this day in the joy of the resurrection, let us pray, saying:

For the newly baptized throughout the church, that their Easter faith may grow strong: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For all who have yet to hear the good news of the resurrection, that the gospel may reach them: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For the sick and suffering, that the power of the risen Christ may bring them healing and comfort: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For those who have died, that they may share in the victory of Christ over death: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For our world, troubled by conflict and injustice, that the peace of the risen Lord may transform it: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For ourselves, that we may always live as people of the resurrection, spreading Easter hope wherever we go: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as the Lord himself has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of the empty tomb, fill our hearts with Easter joy. Let the resurrection of your Son transform how we see ourselves and how we treat one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless us: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTIPHON

REGINA CAELI

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia. Has risen as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly

risen, alleluia.