Daytime Prayer

Saturday, September 21, 2002

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

God of the Morning

God of the morning, God of the midday hour,
grant us your wisdom and your guiding power;
we pause amid the tasks and toils of day
to seek your face and learn to walk your way.

All things are yours: the sunlight and the rain,
the labor of our hands, the joy and pain;
receive our offering of this broken hour
and bless our work with your renewing power.

To God the Father be all glory given,
and to the Son who drew us close to heaven,
and to the Spirit, fire within the soul,
now and forever, making all things whole.

PSALMODY

Psalm 119 *I Have Done Justice (Samech)*

> *Ant. Praise to you, Lord God, now and forever.*

I have done judgment and justice; do not hand me over to those who slander me.

Accept your servant for good; do not let the proud calumniate me.

My eyes have grown dim for your salvation and for the word of your justice.

Act with your servant according to your mercy, and teach me your justifications.

I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your testimonies.

It is time for the Lord to act; they have dissipated your law.

Therefore, I have loved your commandments above gold and topaz.

Therefore, I was directed toward all your commandments; I have hated every iniquitous 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.

> *Ant. Praise to you, Lord God, now and forever.*

Psalm 119 *Your Testimonies Are Wonderful (Ain)*

> *Ant. Praise to you, Lord God, now and forever.*

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul has sought them.

The declaration of your words illuminates, and it gives understanding to little ones.

I opened my mouth and drew breath, because I longed for your commandments.

Look upon me and have mercy on me, according to the judgment of those who love your name.

Direct my steps according to your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from the slander of men, and I will keep your commandments.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your justifications.

My eyes have sent forth springs of water, because they have not kept your law.

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. Praise to you, Lord God, now and forever.*

SHORT READING

PROVERBS 2:6

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

RESPONSORY

V. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

R. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

> *Lord of the harvest, you have called us to labor in your vineyard. Keep our hearts from weariness and grant us joy in the work of building your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.