Daytime Prayer

Saturday, January 17, 2004

Saint Anthony of Egypt, Abbot

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 132 *How Good It Is for Brothers to Live Together (Part II)*

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

Like the dew of Hermon, which descends upon Mount Zion.

For there the Lord has commanded blessing and life, forevermore.

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 133 *Bless the Lord, All His Servants*

> *Ant. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.*

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands toward the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth.

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. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.*

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.