Daytime Prayer

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

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, Alleluia!**
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> Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
> sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

PSALMODY

Psalm 119 *Your Hands Have Made Me (Teth)*

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

Your hands have made me and formed me; give me understanding, and I will learn your commandments.

Those who fear you will see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your words.

I know, O Lord, that your judgments are equity, and in your truth you have humbled me.

Let your mercy be to console me, according to your word to your servant.

Let your mercies come to me, and I will live; for your law is my meditation.

Let the proud be ashamed, because they have acted unjustly against me; but I will meditate on your commandments.

Let those who fear you turn to me, and those who know your testimonies.

Let my heart be without stain in your justifications, so that I may not be confounded.

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 119 *My Soul Has Fainted (Jod)*

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

My soul has fainted for your salvation, and I hoped in your word.

My eyes have grown dim for your eloquence; saying: "When will you console me?"

For I have become like a wineskin in the frost; I have not forgotten your justifications.

How many are the days of your servant? When will you execute judgment on those who persecute me?

The iniquitous have spoken dishonestly to me, but not as much as your law.

All your commandments are truth; the wicked have persecuted me; help me.

They almost came to an end with me on earth; but I have not forsaken your commandments.

Enliven me according to your mercy, and I will keep the testimonies of your mouth.

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

LUKE 24:34

The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon. Alleluia.

RESPONSORY

V. This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia.
R. Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord of the resurrection, as the sun stands at its height, remind us that your light cannot be overcome by any darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.
And give him thanks.