Daytime Prayer

Monday, May 2, 2005

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor

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 *You Are Just, O Lord (Pe)*

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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right.

You have commanded justice as your testimony, and your truth greatly.

My zeal has made me pine away, because my enemies have forgotten your words.

Your word is greatly tried by fire, and your servant has loved it.

I am very young and despised; I have not forgotten your justifications.

Your justice is justice forever, and your law is truth.

Tribulation and anguish have found me; your commandments are my meditation.

Your testimonies are equity forever; give me understanding, and I will live.

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 *I Have Cried With My Whole Heart (Tsade)*

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

I have cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord; I will seek your justifications.

I cried out to you; save me, so that I may keep your commandments.

I arose before daylight and cried out; I hoped in your words.

My eyes anticipated the morning, so that I might meditate on your words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your mercy; and enliven me according to your judgment.

Those who persecute me have drawn near to iniquity, but they have been made far from your law.

You are near, O Lord, and all your ways are truth.

From the beginning I have known from your testimonies, for you have founded them 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.

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

SHORT READING

ACTS 2:32

God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Alleluia.

RESPONSORY

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

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Risen Lord, fill this midday hour with Easter joy. Let the resurrection be not only a past event but a present reality in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.
And give him thanks.