Daytime Prayer

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

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 *Let My Plea Come Before You (Sin)*

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

Let my supplication, O Lord, draw near in your sight; give me understanding according to your word.

Let my petition come in before you; rescue me according to your word.

My lips will utter a hymn, when you will have taught me your justifications.

My tongue will pronounce your words, for all your commandments are justice.

Let your hand be made to save me, for I have chosen your commandments.

I have longed for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my meditation.

My soul will live and will praise you, and your judgments will help me.

I have wandered like a lost sheep; seek your servant, because I have not forgotten your commandments.

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

Psalm 119 *Your Salvation, O Lord (Tau)*

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SHORT READING

GALATIANS 5:14

The whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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 Jesus, who sanctified human labor by your own work in Nazareth, bless the work of our hands and minds this day, that all we do may serve your glory and the good of others; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.
And give him thanks.