Daytime Prayer

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

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 125 *The Lord Restored Our Fortunes*

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

When the Lord turned back the captivity of Zion, we became like those consoled.

Then our mouth was filled with gladness, and our tongue with joy.

Then they will say among the Gentiles: "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us; we have become joyful.

Turn back our captivity, O Lord, like a torrent in the south.

Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.

Going, they went and wept, casting their seeds.

But coming, they will come with rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

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 126 *Unless the Lord Builds the House*

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

Unless the Lord has built the house, in vain have its builders labored.

Unless the Lord has kept the city, he watches in vain who guards it.

It is in vain for you to rise before the light; rise up after you have been sitting, you who eat the bread of sorrow.

When he will grant sleep to his beloved, behold, the inheritance of the Lord are children.

The reward is the fruit of the womb.

Like arrows in the hand of a powerful one, so are the children of those who have been cast out.

Blessed is the man who has filled his desire from them; he will not be ashamed when he speaks to his enemies at the gate.

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

JOHN 20:29

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Alleluia.

RESPONSORY

V. This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia.

R. Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of life, your Son rose at dawn and appeared in the garden. Be present to us also at this midday hour with your Easter grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.