

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalm 118(119): 57-64

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
With all my heart I implore your favour; show the mercy of your promise.
I have pondered over my ways and returned to your will.
I made haste and did not delay to obey your commands.

Though the nets of the wicked ensnared me I remembered your law.
At midnight I will rise and thank you for your just decrees.
I am a friend of all who revere you, who obey your precepts.
Lord, your love fills the earth. Teach me your statutes.

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Psalm 54 (55):2-12

O God, listen to my prayer, do not hide from my pleading,
attend to me and reply; with my cares, I cannot rest.
I tremble at the shouts of the foe, at the cries of the wicked;
for they bring down evil upon me. They assail me with fury.

My heart is stricken within me, death's terror is on me,
trembling and fear fall upon me and horror overwhelms me.
O that I had wings like a dove to fly away and be at rest.
So I would escape far away and take refuge in the desert.

I would hasten to find a shelter from the raging wind,
from the destructive storm, O Lord, and from their plotting tongues.

For I can see nothing but violence and strife in the city.

Night and day they patrol high on the city walls.

It is full of wickedness and evil; it is full of sin.
Its streets are never free from tyranny and deceit.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Reading - 1 John 5:5-6

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus Christ came by water and blood: not with water only, but with water and blood.

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia.

When they saw the Lord, alleluia.

Let us pray.

Year by year, Lord, we recall the mystery of Easter, the mystery which restored mankind to its lost dignity and brought the hope of resurrection. Grant that we may possess eternally in love what we now worship in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.