

The Third Day at Evening Prayer

PSALM 18 *Diligam te, Domine*

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- I WILL love / thee O Lord my strength. * the Lord is my stony / rock
and my defense.
2. My Savior my God and my might, in / whom I will trust; * my
buckler, the horn also of my salvation / and my refuge.
 3. I will call upon the Lord which is / worthy to be praised; * so shall I
be safe / from mine enemies.
 4. The sorrows of / death compassed me, * and the over-flowings of
ungodli/ness made me afraid.
 5. The pains of / hell came about me; * the snares of death /
overtook me.
 6. In my trouble I / called upon the Lord, * and com/plained unto
my God:
 7. So he heard my voice out of his / holy temple, * and my complaint
came before him; it entered ev/en into his ears.
 8. The earth / trembled and quaked, * the very foundations also of the
hills shook, and were removed be/cause he was wroth.
 9. There went a smoke out / in his presence, * and a consuming fire
out of his mouth, so that coals were / kindled at it.
 10. He bowed the heavens / also and came down, * and it was dark /
under his feet.
 11. He rode upon the / Cherubim and did fly; * he came flying upon
the / wings of the wind.
 12. He made / darkness his secret place, * his pavilion round about
him with dark water, and thick / clouds to cover him.
 13. At the brightness of his / presence his clouds removed; *
hail/stones and coals of fire.
 14. The Lord also thundered out of heaven, † and the Highest / gave
his thunder; * hail/stones and coals of fire.
 15. He sent out his / arrows and scattered them; * he cast forth
lightnings / and destroyed them.



16. The springs of waters were seen, † and the foundations of the round world / were discovered, * at thy chiding O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of / thy displeasure.
17. He sent down from on / high to fetch me, * and took me out of / many waters.
18. He delivered me from my strongest enemy, † and from / them which hate me; * for they were too / mighty for me.
19. They came upon me in the / day of my trouble; * but the Lord was / my upholder.
20. He brought me forth also into a / place of liberty; * he brought me forth, even because he had a / favour unto me.
21. The Lord rewarded me after my / righteous dealing, * according to the cleanness of my hands did he / recompense me.
22. Because I have kept the / ways of the Lord, * and have not forsaken my God / as the wicked doth.
23. For I have an / eye unto all his laws, * and will not cast out his com/mandments from me.
24. I was also uncor/rupt before him, * and eschewed / mine own wickedness.
25. Therefore the Lord rewarded me after my / righteous dealing, * and according unto the cleanness of my hands / in his eyesight.
26. With the holy / thou shalt be holy, * and with a perfect man thou / shalt be perfect.
27. With the clean / thou shalt be clean, * and with the froward thou / shalt be froward.
28. For thou shalt save the people that are / in adversity, * and shalt bring down the / high looks of the proud.
29. Thou also shalt / light my candle; * the Lord my God shall make my / darkness to be light.
30. For in thee I shall dis/comfit an host of men, * and with the help of my God I shall leap / over the wall.
31. The way of God is an / undefiled way: * the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire; he is the defender of all them that / put their trust in him.
32. For who is / God but the Lord? * or who hath any / strength except our God?



49. It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, † and setteth me up above mine / adversaries: * thou shalt rid me / from the wicked man.
50. For this cause will I give thanks unto thee O Lord a/mong the Gentiles, * and sing prais/es unto thy Name.
51. Great prosperity giveth he / unto his King, * and showeth loving-kindness unto David his anointed, and unto his / seed for evermore. Glory be to the / Father and to the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, † is now and / ever shall be, * world / without end. Amen.