THE OFFICE AT TERCE

THE VERSICLE

Make haste, O God, to deliver me. *Make haste to help me, O Lord.*

THE GLORIA PATRI AND ALLELUIA (OR LAUS TIBI)

(From Septuagesima to Holy Saturday, instead of the Alleluia -- Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.)

THE HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, with God the Son And God the Father ever One; Shed forth Thy grace within our breast, And dwell with us a ready guest.

By every power, by heart and tongue, By act and deed Thy praise be sung; Inflame with perfect love each sense That others' souls may kindle thence.

THE PSALM ANTIPHON

Let thy mercy come to me that I may live.

THE PSALM (119:73-80)

Thy hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Thy commandments. Those who fear Thee shall see me and rejoice because I have hoped in Thy Word. I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that in faithfulness Thou hast afflicted me. Let Thy steadfast love be ready to comfort me according to Thy promise to Thy servant. Let Thy mercy come to me, that I may live; for Thy law is my delight. Let the godless be put to shame, because they have subverted me with guile; as for me, I will meditate on Thy precepts. Let those who fear Thee turn to me, that they may know Thy testimonies. May my heart be blameless in Thy statutes, that I may not be put to shame! Glory be to the Father... (*The Antiphon repeated*)

THE CHAPTER (I John 4:16)

God is Love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. *Thanks be to God.*

Be Thou my Helper, forsake me not. *Do not leave me, O God, my Savior.*

THE KYRIE

O Lord, hear my prayer. And let my cry come to Thee.

THE COLLECT

O God, almighty Father, we humbly beseech Thy Divine Majesty that, as Thou didst strengthen Thine apostles at the third hour by the visitation of Thy Holy Spirit, so Thou wilt deign to enlighten and guard our hearts and bodies by His coming; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen*.

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*