Psalm 102  Domine, exaudi  tone III

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come up to thee. 2. Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon. 3. For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand. 4. My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread.

5. For the voice of my groaning: my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh. 6. I am become like a pelican in the wilderness: and like an owl that is in the desert. 7. I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow: that sitteth alone upon the house-top. 8. Mine enemies revile me all the day long: and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me. 9. For I have eaten ashes as it were bread: and mingled my drink with weeping; 10. And that because of thine indignation and wrath: for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down. 11. My days are gone like a shadow: and I am withered.

13. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion:

for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

14. And why? thy servants think upon her stones: and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15. The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty.

16. When the Lord shall build up Zion: and when his glory shall appear:

17. When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute: and despiseth not their desire.

18. This shall be written for those that come after: and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

19. For he hath looked down from his sanctuary: out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20. That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity: and deliver the children appointed unto death.

That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Zion: and his worship at Jerusalem:

22. When the people are gathered together: and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

23. He brought down my strength in my journey: and shortened my days.

24. But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age: as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

25. Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: they all shall wax old as doth a garment:

27. And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

28. The children of thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

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.