Psalm 118, vv.1-2, 9-19  Confitemini Domino

A thanksgiving for God’s mercies.

1 O give thanks to the Lord for he is good: his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim: ‘His mercy endures for ever.’

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you for you have answered me: and have been come to my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected: has been come to the chief cornerstone.

† 23 This is the Lord’s doing: and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come O Lord and save us we pray: come Lord send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God he has given us light: link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God and I will thank you: you are my God and I will exalt you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord for he is good: his mercy endures for ever.

[Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now: and shall be for ever. Amen.]
Psalm 31 vv.9-16  

A prayer for deliverance.

In te, Domine, speravi

Have mercy upon me, Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye is consumed with sorrow
my soul and my body also.

For my life is wasted with grief and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me because of my affliction
and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours
an object of dread to my acquaintance:
when they see me in the street they flee from me.

I am forgotten like one that is dead out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd
fear is on every side:
they scheme together against me and plot to take my life.

But my trust is in you, O Lord:
I have said ‘You are my God.

‘My times are in your hand:
deliver me from the hand of my enemies
and from those who persecute me.

‘Make your face to shine up on your servant:
and save me for your mercy’s sake.’

[Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now:
and shall be for ever. Amen.]