EVENING PRAYER.
PSALM. 18. Diligam te, Domine.  I  Will love thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my stony rock, and my defence: my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.  
2 I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised: so shall I be safe from mine enemies.  
3 The sorrows of death compassed me: and the overflowing of ungodliness made me afraid.  
4 The pains of hell came about me: the snares of death overtook me.  
5 In my trouble I will call upon the Lord: and complain unto my God.  
6 So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple: and my complaint shall come before him: it shall enter even into his ears.  
7 The earth trembled and quaked: the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wrath.  
8 There went a smoke out in his presence: and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.  
9 He bow'd the heavens also, and came down: and it was dark under his feet.  
10 He rode upon the Cherubims, and did fly: he came flying upon the wings of the wind.  
11 He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

12 At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed: hail-stones, and coals of fire.  
13 The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder: hail-stones, and coals of fire.  
14 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them: he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.  
15 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.

16 He shall send down from on high to fetch me: and shall take me out of many waters.  
17 He shall deliver me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me: for they are too mighty for me.  
18 They prevented me in the day of my trouble: but the Lord was my upholder.  
19 He brought me forth also into a place of liberty: he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.  
20 The Lord shall reward me after my righteous dealing: according to the cleanliness of my hands shall he recompense me;  
21 Because I have kept the ways of the Lord: and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doeth.  
22 For I have an eye unto all his laws: and will not cast out his commandments from me.  
23 I was also uncorrupt before him: and cleftewed mine own wickedness.

24 Therefore shall the Lord reward me after my righteous dealing: and according unto the cleanliness of my hands in his eye-sight.  
25 With the holy thou shalt be holy: and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.  
26 With the clean thou shalt be clean: and with the froward thou shalt learn frowardness.  
27 For thou shalt save the people that are in adversity: and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.  
28 Thou also shalt light my candle: the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.  
29 For in thee I shall discomfit an host of men: and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.  
30 The way of God is an undoubted 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.  
31 For who is God, but the Lord: or who hath any strength except our God?  
32 It is God that girdeth me with strength of war: and maketh my way perfect.  
33 He maketh my feet like harts' feet: and setteth me up on high.  
34 He teacheth mine hands to fight: and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel.  
35 Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation: thy right hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving correction shall make me great.  
36 Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go: that my footsteps shall not slide.  
37 I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them: neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.  
38 I will smite them that they shall not be able to stand: but fall under my feet.  
39 Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.  
40 Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me: and I shall destroy them that hate me.  
41 They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them: yea, even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.  
42 I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind: I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.  
43 Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people: and thou shalt make me the head of the heathen.  
44 A people whom I have not known: shall serve me.  
45 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: but the strange children shall be afraid with me.  
46 The strange children shall fall: and be afraid out of their prisons.  
47 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper: and praised be the God of my salvation.  
48 Even the God, that seeth that