Daytime Prayer

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Saint John of Damascus, Priest and Doctor

OPENING

O God, come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN

> **Come, Lord, Do Not Delay**
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> Come, Lord, do not delay;
> your people wait for you;
> illuminate this midday hour
> with all that is your truth.

PSALMODY

Psalm 119 *The Lord Is My Portion (Zain)*

> *Ant. The Lord is near; do not be anxious about anything.*

You are my portion, O Lord; I have said that I would keep your law.

I have entreated your face with all my heart; have mercy on me according to your word.

I have considered your ways, and I have turned my feet into your testimonies.

I am prepared, and I am not troubled, so as to keep your commandments.

The cords of the wicked have surrounded me, and I have not forgotten your law.

At midnight I rose to confess to you, upon the judgments of your justification.

I am a partaker with all who fear you and who keep your commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of your mercy; teach me your justifications.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

> *Ant. The Lord is near; do not be anxious about anything.*

Psalm 119 *You Have Been Good (Heth)*

> *Ant. The Lord is near; do not be anxious about anything.*

You have acted with goodness toward your servant, O Lord, according to your word.

Teach me goodness and discipline and knowledge; for I have believed in your commandments.

Before I was humbled, I offended; therefore I have kept your word.

You are good, and in your goodness teach me your justifications.

The iniquity of the proud has been multiplied over me, but with my whole heart I will seek your commandments.

Their heart has been curdled like milk, but I have meditated on your law.

It is good for me that you have humbled me, so that I might learn your justifications.

The law of your mouth is better for me than thousands in gold and silver.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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SHORT READING

ISAIAH 35:4

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you.

RESPONSORY

V. Come, Lord Jesus, and do not delay.

R. Give new courage to your people.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of the promise, you are always coming to us. Help us to see your coming in the events of this day and to respond with faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.