Daytime Prayer

Saturday, December 6, 2003

Saint Nicholas of Myra, Bishop

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 *I Have Done Justice (Samech)*

> *Ant. Your light will dawn, O Lord, and your glory will be seen upon us.*

I have done judgment and justice; do not hand me over to those who slander me.

Accept your servant for good; do not let the proud calumniate me.

My eyes have grown dim for your salvation and for the word of your justice.

Act with your servant according to your mercy, and teach me your justifications.

I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your testimonies.

It is time for the Lord to act; they have dissipated your law.

Therefore, I have loved your commandments above gold and topaz.

Therefore, I was directed toward all your commandments; I have hated every iniquitous way.

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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Psalm 119 *Your Testimonies Are Wonderful (Ain)*

> *Ant. Your light will dawn, O Lord, and your glory will be seen upon us.*

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul has sought them.

The declaration of your words illuminates, and it gives understanding to little ones.

I opened my mouth and drew breath, because I longed for your commandments.

Look upon me and have mercy on me, according to the judgment of those who love your name.

Direct my steps according to your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from the slander of men, and I will keep your commandments.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your justifications.

My eyes have sent forth springs of water, because they have not kept your law.

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 30:18

The Lord is waiting to show you favor, and he rises to have pity on you; for the Lord is a God of justice: blessed are all who wait for him.

RESPONSORY

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

R. Give new courage to your people.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus, not only at Christmas but into every hour of our day. Be present with us now in our work and in our rest; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.