Daytime Prayer

Tuesday, December 16, 2003

Advent, Week 3 — Tuesday

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 125 *The Lord Restored Our Fortunes*

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

When the Lord turned back the captivity of Zion, we became like those consoled.

Then our mouth was filled with gladness, and our tongue with joy.

Then they will say among the Gentiles: "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us; we have become joyful.

Turn back our captivity, O Lord, like a torrent in the south.

Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.

Going, they went and wept, casting their seeds.

But coming, they will come with rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

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 126 *Unless the Lord Builds the House*

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

Unless the Lord has built the house, in vain have its builders labored.

Unless the Lord has kept the city, he watches in vain who guards it.

It is in vain for you to rise before the light; rise up after you have been sitting, you who eat the bread of sorrow.

When he will grant sleep to his beloved, behold, the inheritance of the Lord are children.

The reward is the fruit of the womb.

Like arrows in the hand of a powerful one, so are the children of those who have been cast out.

Blessed is the man who has filled his desire from them; he will not be ashamed when he speaks to his enemies at the gate.

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.