Daytime Prayer

Wednesday, December 17, 2003

Advent, Week 3 — Wednesday

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 127 *Blessed Is Everyone Who Fears the Lord*

> *Ant. Let justice surge like water, and goodness like an unfailing stream.*

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.

For you will eat the labor of your hands; blessed are you, and it will be well with you.

Your wife is like a fruitful vine on the sides of your house.

Your sons are like newly planted olive trees around your table.

Behold, so will the man be blessed, even the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

And may you see the sons of your sons, peace upon Israel.

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 128 *They Have Often Afflicted Me*

> *Ant. Let justice surge like water, and goodness like an unfailing stream.*

Often they have fought against me from my youth; let Israel now say.

Often they have fought against me from my youth; but they could not prevail over me.

Upon my back, sinners have constructed; they have prolonged their iniquity.

The Lord is just; he will cut asunder the neck of sinners.

Let them all be confounded and turned back, who hate Zion.

Let them become like the grass on the rooftops, which withers before it is pulled up.

Of which the reaper does not fill his hand, nor he who gathers the sheaves his bosom.

And let those who pass by not say: "The blessing of the Lord be upon you; we have blessed you in the name of the Lord."

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

ROMANS 15:4

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

RESPONSORY

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

R. Give new courage to your people.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, as John the Baptist made ready the way of the Lord, so prepare us this day to receive him in the poor, the stranger, and the suffering; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.