Daytime Prayer

Thursday, December 18, 2003

Advent, Week 3 — Thursday

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 129 *Out of the Depths I Cry*

> *Ant. Behold, the Lord is coming with power; he will illuminate what is hidden in darkness.*

From the depths I have cried out to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, observe iniquities, Lord, who will endure it?

For with you there is forgiveness, and because of your law I have waited for you, O Lord.

My soul has patiently waited on his word; my soul has hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with him there is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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. Behold, the Lord is coming with power; he will illuminate what is hidden in darkness.*

Psalm 130 *My Soul Is Like a Weaned Child*

> *Ant. Behold, the Lord is coming with power; he will illuminate what is hidden in darkness.*

O Lord, my heart is not exalted, nor are my eyes lofty.

Neither have I walked in great things, nor in wonders beyond me.

If I were not humble, if my soul were not lifted up; as a weaned child is toward his mother, likewise let it be repaid to my soul.

Let Israel hope in the Lord, from this time forward and forevermore.

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. Behold, the Lord is coming with power; he will illuminate what is hidden in darkness.*

SHORT READING

ISAIAH 40:31

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.

RESPONSORY

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

R. Give new courage to your people.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, give us the eyes of faith to see your signs in the events of this day, and the courage to act on what we see; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.