# Daytime Prayer

*Tuesday, December 23, 2003*

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## 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 135** *Give Thanks to the Lord, For He Is Good (Part II)*

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

Who divided the Red Sea into portions; for his mercy is forever.

And led Israel through the midst of it; for his mercy is forever.

And shook off Pharaoh and his virtue in the Red Sea; for his mercy is forever.

Who led his people through the desert; for his mercy is forever.

Who struck great kings; for his mercy is forever.

And slew powerful kings; for his mercy is forever.

Sihon, king of the Amorites; for his mercy is forever.

And Og, king of Bashan; for his mercy is forever.

And gave their land as an inheritance; for his mercy is forever.

An inheritance for his servant Israel; for his mercy is forever.

For in our humiliation he was mindful of us; for his mercy is forever.

And he redeemed us from our enemies; for his mercy is forever.

Who gives food to all flesh; for his mercy is forever.

Confess to the God of heaven; for his mercy is forever.

*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 136** *By the Waters of Babylon (Part I)*

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

Upon the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept as we remembered Zion.

On the willows in their midst, we hung up our instruments.

For there those who had led us captive asked us the words of song.

And those who had carried us away said: "Sing to us a hymn from the songs of Zion."

How will we sing the song of the Lord in a foreign land?

*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.*

## 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.*