Daytime Prayer

Saturday, December 24, 2005

Advent, Week 4 — Saturday

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 141 *Rescue Me From My Persecutors*

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

With my voice I have cried out to the Lord; with my voice I have prayed to the Lord.

I will pour out, in his sight, my supplication; and before him I will declare my tribulation.

When my spirit failed within me, even then you knew my paths.

In the way on which I was walking, the proud hid a snare for me.

I looked to the right and I saw, and there was no one who would recognize me.

Flight has perished from me, and there is no one who has regard for my soul.

I cried out to you, O Lord; I said: "You are my hope, my portion in the land of the living."

Attend to my supplication, for I have been humbled exceedingly.

Free me from those who persecute me, for they have been made stronger than me.

Lead my soul out of custody to confess to your name; the just wait for me, until you repay 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.

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

Psalm 145 *Praise the Lord, O My Soul (Part I)*

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul; in my life I will praise the Lord; I will sing to my God as long as I live.

Do not trust in leaders, in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit will depart, and he will return to his earth; on that day all their thoughts will perish.

Blessed is he whose helper is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

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.