# Daytime Prayer

*Thursday, December 3, 2015*

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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**
>
> Come, Lord, do not delay;
> your people wait for you;
> illuminate this midday hour
> with all that is your truth.

## PSALMODY

**Psalm 119** *Forever, O Lord, Your Word (Caph)*

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

Forever, O Lord, your word stands firm in heaven.

Your truth is from generation to generation; you have founded the earth, and it endures.

By your ordinance the day persists, for all things serve you.

Unless your law had been my meditation, perhaps then I would have perished in my humiliation.

Your justifications I will never forget, for in them you have given me life.

I am yours; save me, for I have sought your justifications.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me; but I have understood your testimonies.

I have seen the end of all perfection; your commandment is exceedingly broad.

*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 119** *How I Love Your Law! (Lamed)*

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

O how I have loved your law, O Lord! All day long it is my meditation.

By your commandment, you have made me wiser than my enemies; for it is mine forever.

I have understood more than all my teachers, because your testimonies are my meditation.

I have understood more than the elders, because I have sought your commandments.

From every evil path I have restrained my feet, so that I might keep your words.

I have not declined from your judgments, because you have established a law for me.

How sweet are your words to my palate, more so than honey to my mouth!

By your commandments I have gained understanding; therefore I have hated every path of iniquity.

*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.*