Daytime Prayer

Monday, December 15, 2003

Advent, Week 3 — Monday

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 123 *Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord*

> *Ant. Come, Lord, and do not delay; have mercy on us, who have sinned against you.*

Unless the Lord had been our helper, perhaps we would have lived in hell.

"My foot has slipped," and your mercy, O Lord, assisted me.

According to the multitude of my griefs in my heart, your consolations have given joy to my soul.

Does the seat of iniquity adhere to you, who frames hardship by means of commandments?

They will capture the soul of the just and will condemn innocent blood.

But the Lord has become my refuge, and my God the help of my hope.

And he will repay their iniquity to them, and in their malice he will destroy them.

The Lord our God will destroy 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.

> *Ant. Come, Lord, and do not delay; have mercy on us, who have sinned against you.*

Psalm 124 *Our Escape Was Like a Bird's*

> *Ant. Come, Lord, and do not delay; have mercy on us, who have sinned against you.*

Those who trust in the Lord are like mount Zion; he will not be shaken forever who dwells in Jerusalem.

Mountains are around it; and the Lord is around his people, from this time forward, forevermore.

For the Lord will not leave the rod of sinners over the lot of the just, so that the just will not extend their hands to iniquity.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good and to the upright of heart.

But those who decline into obligations, the Lord will lead away with the workers of iniquity.

Peace be 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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SHORT READING

ISAIAH 11:2–3

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord.

RESPONSORY

V. Come, Lord Jesus, and do not delay.
R. Give new courage to your people.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, sharpen our attention this day. As we wait for your coming, keep us from the distractions that cloud our vision and the fears that shrink our hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.
And give him thanks.