Daytime Prayer

Monday, December 11, 2006

Saint Damasus I, Pope

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 119 *You Are Just, O Lord (Pe)*

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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right.

You have commanded justice as your testimony, and your truth greatly.

My zeal has made me pine away, because my enemies have forgotten your words.

Your word is greatly tried by fire, and your servant has loved it.

I am very young and despised; I have not forgotten your justifications.

Your justice is justice forever, and your law is truth.

Tribulation and anguish have found me; your commandments are my meditation.

Your testimonies are equity forever; give me understanding, and I will live.

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 119 *I Have Cried With My Whole Heart (Tsade)*

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

I have cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord; I will seek your justifications.

I cried out to you; save me, so that I may keep your commandments.

I arose before daylight and cried out; I hoped in your words.

My eyes anticipated the morning, so that I might meditate on your words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your mercy; and enliven me according to your judgment.

Those who persecute me have drawn near to iniquity, but they have been made far from your law.

You are near, O Lord, and all your ways are truth.

From the beginning I have known from your testimonies, for you have founded them 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.

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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.