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Daytime Prayer

December 13, 2026

{ Third Sunday in Advent }

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EBREVIARY

Stand and make sign of cross

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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

O mighty Ruler, God of truth,
for days and seasons setting bounds,
you clothe with splendor morning light
and midday skies with brilliant heat.

Extinguish flames of bitter strife,
all harmful passion take away,
grant health unto our mortal frame,
and on our hearts bestow true peace.

Most loving Father, hear our prayer,
and you, O Christ coequal Son,
who with the Spirit Paraclete
now reign for all eternity. Amen.

Metrical hymn, melody: Herr Jesu Christ, 8 8 8 8; Pensum Sacrum Metro-Rhythmicum, Görlitz, 1648

Plainsong, mode IV, melody 80; Liber Hymnarius, Solesmes, 1983, Text: Rector potens, verax Deus, unknown author, very ancient; traditionally attributed to St. Ambrose, 340–397*

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Sit or stand

Psalmody

Antiphon

The angel Gabriel said to Mary in greeting: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.

Psalm 118

Song of joy for salvation

This Jesus is the stone which, rejected by you builders, has become the chief stone supporting all the rest (Acts 4:11).

I

Give thánks to the Lórd for he is góod, *
for his lóve endures for éver.

Let the sóns of Ísrael sáy: *
"His lóve endures for éver."
Let the sóns of Áaron sáy: *
"His lóve endures for éver."
Let thóse who fear the Lórd sáy: *
"His lóve endures for éver."

I cálled to the Lórd in my distréss; *
he ánswered and fréed me.
The Lórd is at my síde; I do not féar. *
What can mán do agáinst me?
The Lórd is at my síde as my hélper: *
I shall look dówn on my fóes.

It is bétter to take réfuge in the Lórd *
than to trúst in mén:
it is bétter to take réfuge in the Lórd *
than to trúst in prínces.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

II

The nátions áll encómpassed me; *
in the Lórd's name I crúshed them.
They cómpassed me, cómpassed me abóut; *
in the Lórd's name I crúshed them.
They cómpassed me abóut like bées; †
they blázed like a fíre among thórns. *
In the Lórd's name I crúshed them.

I was hárd-préssed and was fálling *
but the Lórd came to hélp me.
The Lórd is my stréngth and my sóng; *
hé is my sávior.
There are shóuts of jóy and víctory *
in the ténts of the júst.

The Lórd's right hánd has tríumphed; *
his right hand ráised me.
The Lórd's right hánd has tríumphed; †
I shall not díe, I shall líve *
and recóunt his déeds.
I was púnished, I was púnished by the Lórd, *
but nót doomed to díe.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

III

Ópen to mé the gates of hóliness: *
I will énter and give thánks.
Thís is the Lórd's own gáte *
where the júst may énter.
I will thánk you for yóu have ánswered *
and yóu are my sávior.

The stóne which the buílders rejécted *
has becóme the córner stone.
Thís is the wórk of the Lórd, *

a márvel in our éyes.
Thís day was máde by the Lórd; *
we rejóice and are glád.

O Lórd, gránt us salvátion; *
O Lórd, grant succéss.
Bléssed in the náme of the Lórd *
is hé who cómes.
We bléss you from the hóuse of the Lórd; *
the Lord Gód is our líght.

Go fórward in procéssion with bránches *
éven to the áltar.
Yóu are my Gód, I thánk you. *
My Gód, I práise you.
Give thánks to the Lórd for he is góod; *
for his lóve endures for éver.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
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Sit

Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

Verse

Remember us, Lord, because of the love you have for your people.

— Come and bring us your salvation.

Stand

Concluding Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord God,
may we, your people,
who look forward to the birthday of Christ
experience the joy of salvation
and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

— And give him thanks.

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