Daytime Prayer

Monday, December 25, 2006

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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

> **Sing Alleluia Forth**
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> Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise,
> O citizens of heaven, who know the festal days;
> and by your singing learn how God may be adored.

Psalm 134 *Praise the Name of the Lord*

> *Ant. Today Christ is born for us; glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.*

Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, O servants of the Lord.

You who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is sweet.

For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself; Israel as his own possession.

For I have known that the Lord is great, and our Lord is before all gods.

Whatever pleased the Lord, he has done, in heaven and on earth, in the sea and in all the deeps.

He draws up the mists from the ends of the earth; he turns lightning into rain.

He draws forth the wind from his storehouses.

He struck the firstborn of Egypt, from man even to beast.

He sent signs and wonders in the midst of you, O Egypt; against Pharaoh and all his servants.

He struck down many nations and he killed powerful kings.

Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

And he gave their land as an inheritance, as an inheritance to his people Israel.

Lord, your name is forever; Lord, your remembrance from generation to generation.

For the Lord will judge his people and will be entreated concerning his servants.

The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold, the works of human hands.

They have a mouth, and they do not speak; they have eyes, and they do not see.

They have ears, and they do not hear; neither is there any breath in their mouths.

Let those who make them become like them, and all who trust in them.

O house of Israel, bless the Lord; O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.

O house of Levi, bless the Lord; you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

Blessed is the Lord from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem.

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. Today Christ is born for us; glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.*

Psalm 135 *Give Thanks to the Lord, For He Is Good (Part I)*

> *Ant. Today Christ is born for us; glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.*

Confess to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy is forever.

Confess to the God of gods; for his mercy is forever.

Confess to the Lord of lords; for his mercy is forever.

Who alone does great wonders; for his mercy is forever.

Who made the heavens in understanding; for his mercy is forever.

Who established the earth above the waters; for his mercy is forever.

Who made the great lights; for his mercy is forever.

The sun to govern the day; for his mercy is forever.

The moon and the stars to govern the night; for his mercy is forever.

Who struck Egypt with their firstborn; for his mercy is forever.

Who led Israel out from the midst of them; for his mercy is forever.

With a strong hand and an outstretched arm; for his mercy is 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 9:1

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone.

RESPONSORY

V. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

R. Full of grace and truth.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God, in the fullness of time your Son was born. Fill this day's hours with the joy of his presence; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.