Daytime Prayer

Wednesday, December 25, 2002

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.

PSALMODY

Psalm 136 *By the Waters of Babylon (Part II)*

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

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand be forgotten.
Let my tongue cling to my jaws if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem forth as the beginning of my joy.
Remember, O Lord, the sons of Edom, on the day of Jerusalem,
who said: "Tear it down, tear it down, even to its foundation!"
O daughter of Babylon, you are wretched; blessed is he who repays you your payment,
which you have paid to us.
Blessed is he who will hold and dash your little ones against the rock.

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 137 *I Give Thanks With My Whole Heart*

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

I will confess to you, O Lord, with my whole heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the sight of the angels, I will sing to you; I will adore toward your holy temple, and I will confess to your name.

Your mercy and your truth, for you have magnified your holy oracle above all things.

In whatever day I will call upon you, hear me; you will increase virtue in my soul.

Let all the kings of the earth confess to you, O Lord; for they have heard all the words of your mouth.

And let them sing in the ways of the Lord; for the glory of the Lord is great.

For the Lord is exalted, yet he looks toward the humble; and he knows the lofty one from a distance.

If I walk in the midst of tribulation, you will enliven me; and you stretched forth your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand has saved me.

The Lord will repay on my behalf; O Lord, your mercy is forever; do not despise the works of your hands.

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

LUKE 2:11

Today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.

RESPONSORY

V. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

R. Full of grace and truth.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, born to give us life, breathe your life into all we do this day; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.