Daytime Prayer

Saturday, January 4, 2003

January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

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 119 *I Have Done Justice (Samech)*

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

I have done judgment and justice; do not hand me over to those who slander me.

Accept your servant for good; do not let the proud calumniate me.

My eyes have grown dim for your salvation and for the word of your justice.

Act with your servant according to your mercy, and teach me your justifications.

I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your testimonies.

It is time for the Lord to act; they have dissipated your law.

Therefore, I have loved your commandments above gold and topaz.

Therefore, I was directed toward all your commandments; I have hated every iniquitous way.

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 119 *Your Testimonies Are Wonderful (Ain)*

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

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul has sought them.

The declaration of your words illuminates, and it gives understanding to little ones.

I opened my mouth and drew breath, because I longed for your commandments.

Look upon me and have mercy on me, according to the judgment of those who love your name.

Direct my steps according to your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from the slander of men, and I will keep your commandments.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your justifications.

My eyes have sent forth springs of water, because they have not kept your law.

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

HEBREWS 1:3

He is the refulgence of God's glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word.

RESPONSORY

V. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

R. Full of grace and truth.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, the shepherds left their flocks to find the Christ-child. Give us that same single-minded devotion in all our tasks this day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.