Daytime Prayer

Monday, December 26, 2005

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

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 *Let Your Mercies Come (He)*

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

And let your mercies come upon me, O Lord, your salvation according to your word.

And so I will answer those who reproach me in any matter, for I hope in your words.

And do not take away from my mouth the word of truth in any way, for I hoped exceedingly in your judgments.

And I will keep your law always, forever and ever.

And I walked in breadth, for I have sought your commandments.

And I spoke of your testimonies in the sight of kings, and I was not confounded.

And I meditated on your commandments, which I loved.

And I lifted up my hands to your commandments, which I loved, and I practiced your justifications.

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 *Remember Your Word (Vau)*

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

Be mindful of your word to your servant, in which you have given me hope.

This has consoled me in my humiliation, for your eloquence has given me life.

The proud have acted iniquitously in everything, but I have not declined from your law.

I was mindful of your judgments from of old, O Lord, and I was consoled.

A failure seized me, because of the wicked who forsake your law.

Your justifications were the subject of my song, in the place of my sojourning.

In the night I was mindful of your name, O Lord, and I kept your law.

This has come to me, because I sought your justifications.

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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.