

# Daytime Prayer

*Saturday, December 29, 2012*

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

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## OPENING

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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

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### **Sing Alleluia Forth**

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 141** *Rescue Me From My Persecutors*

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

With my voice I have cried out to the Lord; with my voice I have prayed to the Lord.

I will pour out, in his sight, my supplication; and before him I will declare my tribulation.

When my spirit failed within me, even then you knew my paths.

In the way on which I was walking, the proud hid a snare for me.

I looked to the right and I saw, and there was no one who would recognize me.

Flight has perished from me, and there is no one who has regard for my soul.

I cried out to you, O Lord; I said: "You are my hope, my portion in the land of the living."

Attend to my supplication, for I have been humbled exceedingly.

Free me from those who persecute me, for they have been made stronger than me.

Lead my soul out of custody to confess to your name; the just wait for me, until you repay 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.*

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

**Psalm 145** *Praise the Lord, O My Soul (Part I)*

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul; in my life I will praise the Lord; I will sing to my God as long as I live.

Do not trust in leaders, in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit will depart, and he will return to his earth; on that day all their thoughts will perish.

Blessed is he whose helper is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

*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

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*V. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

*R. Full of grace and truth.*

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

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*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

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Let us praise the Lord.

*And give him thanks.*