

Daytime Prayer

Friday, December 25, 2026

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

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 131 *Remember David's Oath*

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

O Lord, remember David and all his meekness.

How he swore to the Lord; he made a vow to the God of Jacob.

"I will not enter into the tabernacle of my house, nor will I climb into the bed where I lie;"

"I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids,"

"or rest to my temples, until I find a place for the Lord, a tabernacle for the God of Jacob."

Behold, we heard of it in Ephrata; we found it in the fields of the forest.

We will enter into his tabernacle; we will adore in the place where his feet have stood.

Arise, O Lord, into your rest, you and the ark of your sanctification.

Let your priests be clothed with justice, and let your holy ones exult.

For the sake of your servant David, do not turn away the face of your Christ.

The Lord has sworn truth to David, and he will not make it void.

"Of the fruit of your womb, I will set upon your throne."

"If your sons will keep my covenant and my testimonies which I will teach them,"

"their sons also, even forever, will sit upon your throne."

For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has chosen it for his dwelling.

"This is my rest forever and ever; here I will dwell, for I have chosen it."

"Blessing, I will bless her widow; her poor I will satisfy with bread."

"Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her holy ones will exult with exultation."

"There I will raise up a horn for David; I have prepared a lamp for my Christ."

"His enemies I will clothe with confusion, but upon him my sanctification will flourish."

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 132 *How Good It Is for Brothers to Live Together (Part I)*

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

Behold, how good and joyful it is for brothers to live together as one.

Like ointment on the head, which descends to the beard, to the beard of Aaron,
which descends to the edge of his garment.

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.

SHORT READING

GALATIANS 4:4

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman.

RESPONSORY

V. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

R. Full of grace and truth.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father, you gave us your greatest gift at Christmas. Help us to give generously of ourselves this day in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.