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## Morning Prayer

### **Monday, December 22**

Pss 107

1) Is 46

2) Mark 10.32-end

## Evening Prayer

Pss 108-109

1) Is 47

2) 3 John\*

### **Tuesday, December 23**

Pss 110-113

1) Is 48

2) Mark 11.1-26

Pss 114-115

1) Is 50.4-10

2) Jude

### **Wednesday, December 24**

Pss 116-118

1) Is 51.1-16

2) Mark 11.27-12.12

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Pss 2, 19, 45

1) Zech 2.10-end

2) Titus 2.11-3.7

### **Thursday, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY**

Ps 48, 72, 85

1) Is 9.2-7

2) Luke 2.1-20

Ps 89, 110, 132

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2) 1 John 4.7-end\*

### **Friday, December 26: ST. STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR, Collect p. 99**

Ps 1, 2, 11

1) Gen 4.1-10

2) Acts 6

Ps 15, 16, 31

1) 2 Chron 24.15-22

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Ps 19, 27, 34

1) Ex 33.9-19

2) John 13.21-35

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*Proclaiming God's Praise*

- "O Lord, open thou our lips" etc. (Morning, pp. 7-8; Eve, p. 25)
- Psalm(s) appointed, each ending with:

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- Cantic: *Benedictus* in the Morning (p. 14)  
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- Other Prayers as desired (p. 18-20, or 32-33)
- End with: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore." (Morning, p. 20; Evening, p. 34)

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