

# Vespers for the week of Advent 2

*The Lutheran Hymnal, p.41*

Hymn

TLH #57 – *O Bride of Christ, Rejoice*

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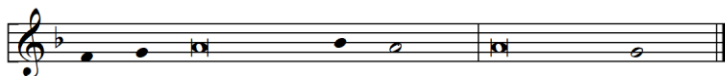
Versicles and Responses

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The Psalmody

TLH #665 – *Levavi Oculos (Psalm 121)*

Psalm 91



*The Pastor sings the following Invitatory.*

- P** Be- -hold, the King is | coming:  
Oh, come, let us worship | Him.
- P** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High  
**C** **Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- P** I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress;  
**C** **My God, in Him I will trust."**
- P** Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
**C** **And from the perilous pestilence.**
- P** He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take  
refuge;  
**C** **His truth shall be your shield and buckler.**
- P** You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,  
**C** **Nor of the arrow that flies by day,**
- P** Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,  
**C** **Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.**
- P** A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand;  
**C** **But it shall not come near you.**
- P** Only with your eyes shall you look,  
**C** **And see the reward of the wicked.**
- P** Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,  
**C** **Even the Most High, your dwelling place,**
- P** No evil shall befall you,  
**C** **Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;**
- P** For He shall give His angels charge over you,  
**C** **To keep you in all your ways.**
- P** In their hands they shall bear you up,  
**C** **Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- P** You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,  
**C** **The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.**

**P** "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;  
**C** **I will set him on high, because he has known My name.**  
**P** He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;  
**C** **I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.**  
**P** With long life I will satisfy him,  
**C** **And show him My salvation."**

**Glory be to the Father, and to | the Son,  
and to the Holy | Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be,  
world without end. A- | men.**

*The Invitatory is then repeated antiphonally.*

**P** Be- -hold, the King is | coming:  
**C** **Oh, come, let us worship | Him.**

*Sit*

**Lesson**

*Micah 4:1-7*

*After each Lesson:*

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**R** **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.**

**Lesson**

*Revelation 1:9-20*

**Responsory**



**P** Be- -hold, the days are coming says | the Lord,  
**C** **That I will raise up to David a righteous | Branch,**  
**P** And a King shall reign and | prosper  
**C** **And shall execute judgment and justice in the | earth.**  
**P** And this is His name by which He shall | be called,  
**C** **The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.**  
**P** In His days shall Judah | be saved,  
**C** **And Israel shall dwell safe- | ly.**  
**P** And this is His name by which He shall | be called,  
**C** **The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.**  
**P** Glory be to the Father and to | the Son  
**C** **And to the Holy | Ghost.**  
**P** And this is His name by which He shall | be called,  
**C** **The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.**

**Hymn**

*TLH #645 – Behold, a Branch Is Growing*

**The Sermon**

**Hymn**

*TLH #74 – Once He Came in Blessing*

The Canticle

*The Magnificat, p.43*

The Antiphon

- P** Be- -hold, the name of the Lord comes from | afar:  
**C** **And let the whole earth be filled with His glo- | ry.**  
**P** Come, O Lord, and do not | delay:  
**C** **Loosen the bonds of Your people Isra- | el.**  
**P** Re- -joice greatly, O Jeru- | salem:  
**C** **Behold, your King is com- | ing.**  
**P** Be- -hold, the Lord shall come and all His saints | with Him:  
**C** **And in that day the light shall be great. Allelu- | ia!**

The Prayers

*The Evening Suffrages*

- V** O Lord, | —  
**R** **Have mercy upon | us.**  
**V** O Christ, | —  
**R** **Have mercy upon | us.**  
**V** O Lord, | —  
**R** **Have mercy upon | us.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**



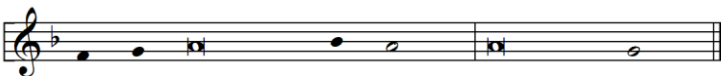
- V** Blessed are You, O Lord God of our | fathers:  
**R** **And greatly to be praised and glorified forev- | er.**  
**V** Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy | Spirit:  
**R** **We praise and magnify Him forev- | er.**  
**V** Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of | heaven:  
**R** **And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted  
forev- | er.**  
**V** The almighty and merciful Lord bless and pre- | serve us.  
**R** **A- | men.**  
**V** Grant us Your grace, O Lord, | this night:  
**R** **To keep us without | sin.**  
**V** O Lord, have mercy up- | on us:  
**R** **Have mercy upon | us.**  
**V** O Lord, let Your mercy be up- | on us:  
**R** **As our trust is in | You.**  
**V** Hear my prayer, | O Lord:  
**R** **And let my cry come unto | You.**

## The Salutation & Collects

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*The Pastor speaks the Collect of the Day, other Collects as needed, and the following Collect. A Versicle is then sung before the Collect for Peace. After each Collect, the Congregation sings **Amen**.*

- P** We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this day; and we pray that You would graciously forgive us all our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us that the wicked Foe may have no power over us.  
**C** *(sung)* **Amen.**



- V** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will | shine forth:  
**R** **Our God shall come. Allelu- | ia!**

## The Benedicamus and The Benediction

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