

Vespers for the week of Advent 4

The Lutheran Hymnal, p.41

Hymn

TLH #618 – Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Stand

Versicles and Responses

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The Psalmody

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

Psalms 145



The Pastor sings the following Invitatory.

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

I will extol You, my God, O King;

And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless You,

And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

Great is the LÖRD, and greatly to be praised;

And His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Your works to another,

And shall declare Your mighty acts.

I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty,

And on Your wondrous works.

Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,

And I will declare Your greatness.

They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,

And shall sing of Your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,

Slow to anger and great in mercy.

The LORD is good to all,

And His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,

And Your saints shall bless You.

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom,

And talk of Your power,

To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,

And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD upholds all who fall,

And raises up all who are bowed down.

You open Your hand

The LORD is righteous in all His ways,

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,

He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;

The LORD preserves all who love Him,

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD,

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. Amen.

The Invitatory is then repeated antiphonally.

P Be- -hold, the King is | coming:

C Oh, come, let us worship | Him.

Sit

Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-8

After each Lesson:

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Lesson

Revelation 2:8-11

Responsory



P Be- -hold, the days are coming, says | the Lord,

C When 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 #479 – Zion, Rise, Zion, Rise

The Sermon

Hymn

TLH #470 – Rise Again Ye Lion-Hearted

Stand

Versicle and Response

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The Canticle

The Magnificat, p.43

The Antiphon

- 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** Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down right- | eousness:
R **Let the earth open and bring forth salva- | tion.**

The Benedicamus and The Benediction

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