

# The Order of Vespers

for the week of Advent 2

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## *The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 41*

Hymn

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

*Stand*

Versicles and Responses

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The Psalmody

*Psalm 91*

*The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.*

**P** (*Antiphon*) For he will give his angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

- 1 He who dwells under the shelter of the Most High  
**will abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress,  
**my God. In him I will trust.**
- 3 For he will deliver you from the fowler's snare  
**and from the deadly pestilence.**
- 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find  
refuge;  
**his truth will be your shield and shelter.**
- 5 You will not have to fear the dread of night;  
**nor the arrow that flies by day;**
- 6 nor the pestilence that walks in darkness;  
**nor the destruction that lays waste at midday.**
- 7 A thousand will fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand;  
**but to you it will not come near.**
- 8 With your eyes alone you will look  
**and see how the wicked are repaid.**
- 9 Because you, O LORD, are my refuge,  
**because you have made the Most High your dwelling,**
- 10 no evil will befall you,  
**no plague will come near your tent.**
- 11 For he will give his angels charge over you,  
**to guard you in all your ways.**

12 In their hands they will bear you up,

**lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

13 You will tread upon the lion and the serpent;

**the young lion and the dragon you will trample underfoot.**

14 Because he has set his heart on me, therefore I will deliver him.

**I will set him on high, because he has known my name.**

15 He will call upon me, and I will answer him.

**I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.**

16 With long life I will satisfy him

**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.**

**P** (*Antiphon*) For he will give his angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

*Sit*

## First Lesson

*Is. 11:1-10*

*After each Lesson:*

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



**R** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

## Second Lesson

*Col. 1:1-8*

## Responsory



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

**When I will raise up to David a righteous | Branch,**

And a King shall reign and | prosper

**And shall execute judgment and justice in the | earth.**

And this is His name by which He shall | be called,

**The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.**

In His days shall Judah | be saved,

**And Israel shall dwell safe- | ly.**

And this is His name by which He shall | be called,

**The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.**

Glory be to the Father and to | the Son

**And to the Holy | Ghost.**

And this is His name by which He shall | be called,

**The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.**

*Hymn*

*TLH #458 – Our Father Thou in Heaven Above (st. 1,7,9)*

**The Sermon**

*Stand*

**Versicle and Response**

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**The Canticle**

*The Nunc Dimittis, p.43-44*

**The Prayers**

*The Evening Suffrages*

O Lord, | —

**Have mercy upon | us.**

O Christ, | —

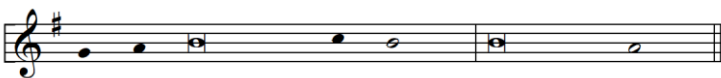
**Have mercy upon | us.**

O Lord, | —

**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.**



Blessed are | You, O Lord God of our | fathers:

**And greatly to be praised and glorified forev- | er.**

Let us bless the | Father and the Son and the Holy | Spirit:

**We praise and magnify Him forev- | er.**

Blessed are | You, O Lord, in the firmament of | heaven:

**And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted  
forev- | er.**

The al- | mighty and merciful Lord bless and pre- | serve us.

**A- | men.**

Grant us Your | favor, O Lord, | this night:

**To keep us without | sin.**

O | Lord, have mercy up- | on us:

**Have mercy upon | us.**

O | Lord, let Your mercy be up- | on us:

**As our trust is in | You.**

Hear my | prayer, | O Lord:

**And let my cry come unto | You.**

**The Salutation & Collects**

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**The Benedicamus and The Benediction**

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## **THE SIXTH PETITION**

**And lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?*

God surely tempts no one, but we ask in this prayer that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world and our flesh may not deceive us, nor mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice; and although we are troubled by these things, that we would, nevertheless, overcome and stand victorious in the end.