

# The Order of Vespers

for the week of Advent 3 – Ember Day

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## *The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 41*

Hymn

TLH #98 – *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Stand

Versicles and Responses

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The Psalmody

Psalm 98

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

**P** (Antiphon) Shout aloud to the LORD, all the earth!  
Break forth, shout for joy, and sing!

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;  
**his right hand and his holy arm have worked for him  
salvation.**

The LORD has made known his salvation;

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house  
of Israel:

**all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Shout aloud to the LORD, all the earth!

**Break forth, shout for joy, and sing!**

Sing to the LORD with the harp,

**with the harp and the sound of music.**

With trumpets and the sound of a horn

**shout aloud before the LORD, the King.**

Let the sea thunder and all that is in it,

**the world, and those who dwell in it.**

Let the rivers clap their hands;

**let the hills shout for joy together 9 before the LORD,**

for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with  
righteousness,

**and the peoples with equity.**

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*) Shout aloud to the LORD, all the earth!  
Break forth, shout for joy, and sing!

*Sit*

## First Lesson

*Is. 2:2-5*

*After each Lesson:*

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



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

## Second Lesson

*Luke 1:26-38*

## 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. 1,8-9)*

## The Sermon

*Stand*

## Versicle and Response

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## The Canticle

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## 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 SEVENTH PETITION**

**But deliver us from evil.**

*What does this mean?*

We ask in this prayer, in summary, that the Father in heaven would deliver us from every sort of evil of body and soul, of property and honor; and finally, when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.