

# The Order of Vespers

for the Festival of St. Thomas (Dec. 21)

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## *The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 41*

**Hymn**

*TLH #208 – Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

*Stand*

**Versicles and Responses**

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**The Psalmody**

*Psalm 145*

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

**P** *(Antiphon)* The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger, and rich in mercy.

I will extol you, my God, O King;

**I will bless your name forever and ever.**

Every day I will bless you;

**I will praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

**no one can fathom his greatness.**

One generation will commend your deeds to the next;

**they will declare your mighty acts.**

I will tell of the glorious splendor of your majesty

**and speak of your wondrous works.**

They will speak of the might of your awesome acts,

**and I will tell of your greatness.**

They will bring up the memory of your great goodness,

**and of your righteousness they will sing.**

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,

**slow to anger, and rich in mercy.**

The LORD is good to all;

**he has compassion on all his works.**

All your works will praise you, O LORD;

**and your saints will bless you.**

They will speak of the glory of your kingdom,

**they will tell 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 those who are bowed down.**  
 The eyes of all wait for you,  
**and you give them their food in due season.**  
 You open your hand  
**and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**  
 The LORD is righteous in all his ways,  
**and merciful in all his works.**  
 The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
**to all who call upon him in truth.**  
 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him.  
**He will hear their cry and save them.**  
 The LORD guards all those who love him;  
**but all the wicked he will destroy.**  
 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD.  
**Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**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.**

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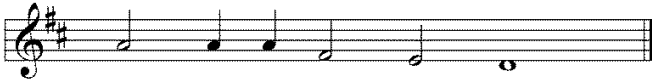
*Sit*

## First Lesson

*Ephesians 2:19-22*

*After each Lesson:*

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



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

## Second Lesson

*John 20:24-31*

### 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.**

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

**Hymn**

*TLH #458 – Our Father Thou in Heaven Above*

**The Sermon**

*Stand*

**Versicle and Response**

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**The Canticle**

*The Magnificat, p.43*

**The 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 said, "LORD, be merciful to me;

**Heal my soul, for I have sinned  
against You."**

Return, O LORD! How long?

**And have compassion on Your  
servants.**

Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,

**Just as we hope in You.**

Let Your priests be clothed with  
righteousness,

**And let Your saints shout for joy.**

Save, LORD!

**May the King answer us when we  
call.**

Save Your people, And bless Your  
inheritance;

**Shepherd them also, And bear  
them up forever.**

Remember Your congregation,

**which You have purchased of old.**

Peace be within your walls,

**Prosperity within your palaces.**

Let us pray for our absent brethren.

**O God, our God, save Your  
servants who trust in You!**

Let us pray for the brokenhearted and  
the captives.

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all  
his troubles.**

Send them help from the Sanctuary

**And strengthen them out of Zion.**

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**And let my cry come to You.**

Have mercy upon me, O God,

According to Your lovingkindness;

**According to the multitude of  
Your tender mercies, Blot out my  
transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my  
iniquity,

**And cleanse me from my sin.**

For I acknowledge my transgressions,

**And my sin is always before me.**

Against You, You only, have I sinned,

And done this evil in Your sight—

**That You may be found just when  
You speak, And blameless when  
You judge.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
**And in sin my mother conceived  
me.**

Behold, You desire truth in the inward  
parts,

**And in the hidden part You will  
make me to know wisdom.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be  
clean;

**Wash me, and I shall be whiter  
than snow.**

Make me hear joy and gladness,

**That the bones You have broken  
may rejoice.**

Hide Your face from my sins,

**And blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a steadfast spirit  
within me.**

Do not cast me away from Your  
presence,

**And do not take Your Holy Spirit  
from me.**

Restore to me the joy of Your  
salvation,

**And uphold me by Your generous  
Spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors Your  
ways,

**And sinners shall be converted to  
You.**

Deliver me from the guilt of  
bloodshed, O God, The God of my  
salvation,

**And my tongue shall sing aloud of  
Your righteousness.**

O Lord, open my lips,

**And my mouth shall show forth  
Your praise.**

For You do not desire sacrifice, or else  
I would give it;

**You do not delight in burnt  
offering.**

The sacrifices of God are a broken  
spirit,

**A broken and a contrite heart—  
These, O God, You will not  
despise.**

Do good in Your good pleasure to  
Zion;

**Build the walls of Jerusalem.**

Then You shall be pleased with the  
sacrifices of righteousness, With  
burnt offering and whole burnt  
offering;

**Then they shall offer bulls on  
Your altar.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;

**Cause Your face to shine, And we  
shall be saved!**

Arise, O Christ, for our help,

**And redeem us for Your mercies'  
sake.**

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**And let my cry come to You.**

*The Salutation & Collects*

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*The Benedicamus and The Benediction*

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## **AMEN**

*What does this mean?*

That I should be certain that these petitions are acceptable to the Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us so to pray and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, which means: Yes, yes, it shall be so.