

# The Order of Vespers

for the week of Epiphany 2

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*The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 41*

*Hymn*      *To Jordan Came our Lord, the Christ (p. 4-5 of this service folder)*

*Stand*

*Versicles and Responses* *p.41*

*The Psalmody* *Psalm 16*

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

**P** *(Antiphon)* I have set the LORD ever before me; because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Guard me, O God,

**for in you I have taken refuge.**

I said to the LORD, You are my Lord.

**Does not my wellbeing rest upon you?**

As for the saints on the earth, they are the glorious ones;

**in them is all my delight.**

As for those who hasten after another,

**their sorrows will be multiplied;**

I will not pour out their drink offering of blood,

**nor take their names upon my lips.**

The LORD is my portion of the inheritance and my cup.

**You preserve my allotment.**

The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;

**yes, I have obtained a beautiful inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD, who has given me counsel;

**even my inmost heart has instructed me by night.**

I have set the LORD ever before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;

**even my flesh will rest in hope.**

For you will not abandon my soul to hell;

**nor will you let your Holy One see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;

**in your presence is fulness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**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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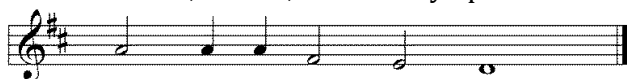
*Sit*

## First Lesson

*Genesis 19:1-29*

*After each Lesson:*

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

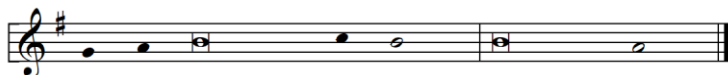


**R** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

## Second Lesson

*Matthew 5:27-48*

## Responsory



Arise, shine, for your light | has come

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon | you.**

And Gentiles will walk in your light, and kings in the brightness that rises up- | on you.

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon | you.**

Glory | be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit.

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon | you.**

## Hymn

*TLH #301 – He that Believes and Is Baptized*

## The Sermon

## Hymn

*Let Me Now with Gladness Say it (p. 6)*

*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**

*p. 45*

## To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ



1 To Jor - dan came our Lord, the Christ, To do God's  
 2 So hear ye all, and well per - ceive What God doth  
 3 To show us this, He hath His word With signs and  
 4 In ten - der man - hood Je - sus straight To ho - ly



plea - sure will - ing, And there was by Saint John bap - tized,  
 call Bap - ti - sm, And what a Chris - tian should be - lieve  
 sym - bols giv - en; On Jor - dan's banks was plain - ly heard  
 Jor - dan wend - eth; The Ho - ly Ghost from hea - ven's gate



All right - eous - ness ful - fil - ling; There did He con - se -  
 Who er - ror shuns and schi - sm: That we should wa - ter  
 The Fa - ther's voice from heav - en: "This is My well - be -  
 In dove - like shape des - cend - eth; That thus the truth be



crate a bath To wash a - way trans - gres - sion, And  
 use, the Lord De - clar - eth it His plea - sure; Not  
 lov - éd Son, In whom My soul de - light - eth; Hear  
 not de - nied, Nor should our faith e'er wa - ver, That



quench the bit - ter - ness of death By His own blood and  
 sim - ple wa - ter, but the Word And Spir - it with - out  
 Him." Yea, hear Him e - v'ry one Whom He Him - self in -  
 the Three Per - sons all pre - side At Bap - tism's ho - ly



pas - sion; He would a new life give us.  
 mea - sure; He is the true Bap - ti - zer.  
 vit - eth, Hear and o - bey His teach - ing.  
 la - ver, And dwell with the be - liev - er.

5 Thus Jesus His disciples sent:  
Go, teach ye every nation,  
That lost in sin they must repent,  
And flee from condemnation;  
He that believes and is baptized,  
Obtains a mighty blessing;  
A new-born man, no more he dies,  
Eternal life possessing,  
A joyful heir of heaven.

6 Who in this mercy hath not faith,  
Nor aught therein discerneth,  
Is yet in sin, condemned to death,  
And fire that ever burneth;  
His holiness avails him not,  
Nor aught which he is doing;  
His inborn sin brings all to naught,  
And maketh sure his ruin;  
Himself he cannot succor.

7 The eye of sense alone is dim,  
And nothing sees but water;  
Faith sees Christ Jesus, and in Him  
The Lamb ordained for slaughter;  
She sees the cleansing fountain red  
With the dear blood of Jesus,  
Which from the sins inherited  
From fallen Adam frees us,  
And from our own misdoings.

# Let Me Now with Gladness Say It

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Erdmann Neumeister, d. 1756

Tr. Paul A. Rydecki, 2020

Baptized Christian

1 Let me now with glad-ness say it: I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!  
2 Now no sin shall make me fear-ful. I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!  
3 Sa - tan, hear, I now de - cry you! I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!

And though sight may not con-vey it, I'm one of God's chil-dren.  
Now my heart is ev-er cheer-ful, Safe in this con-vic-tion:  
With this truth I can de-fy you, Greet you with de-ri-sion.

How could all earth's rich-es cheer me When I have this treasure near me  
I, from guilt and shame un-end-ing, By Bap-ti-sm's ho-ly cleansing,  
Now that I've come to Bap-ti-sm, Vain is all your cri-ti-ci-sm.

Which has me from sin made free, And saves me e-ter-nal-ly?  
Can for-ev-er bless-ed be, For Christ's blood has sprinkled me.  
God's own co-ve-nant makes me Free from your dread ty-ran-ny.

4 When I'm dying I'll declare it:  
I'm a baptized Christian!  
For I know I'll soon inherit  
All the joys of heaven.  
Though my flesh in dust is waiting,  
I'm in faith anticipating  
That Baptism's pow'r divine,  
Shall restore this flesh of mine.

5 Such a blessing must provide me  
Comfort while I'm living.  
And when death is right beside me,  
Hope to me it's giving.  
Though my heart and eyes are waning,  
Still my soul shall be proclaiming:  
I'm baptized! With Christ I'm dressed!  
I am now forever blessed!



## **Weekly focus on Luther's Small Catechism**

### **BAPTISM: FOURTH**

*What does such baptizing with water signify?*

It signifies that the Old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die, with all sins and evil desires, and that a New Man, in turn, should daily emerge and arise, to live forever before God in righteousness and purity.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul says to the Romans in chapter six: "We were buried with Christ through Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we, too, should walk in a new life."

