

The Order of Vespers

for the Festival of the Presentation of Our Lord

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

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The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 41

Hymn

TLH #138 – Thou Light of Gentile Nations

Stand

Versicles and Responses

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The Psalmody

Psalm 97

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P *(Antiphon)* The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.

The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;

Let the multitude of isles be glad!

Clouds and darkness surround Him;

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

A fire goes before Him,

And burns up His enemies round about.

His lightnings light the world;

The earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,

At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare His righteousness,

And all the peoples see His glory.

Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, who boast of idols.

Worship Him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice

Because of Your judgments, O LORD.

For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth;

You are exalted far above all gods.

You who love the LORD, hate evil!

He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous,

And gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

**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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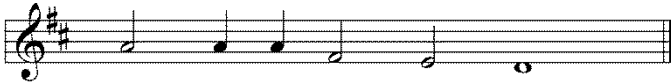
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First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

After each Lesson:

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



R Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Luke 2:22-32

Hymn

TLH #329 – From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

The Sermon

Hymn

TLH #137 – In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

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CONFESSION

Confession consists of two parts. First, that a person confesses his sins. Second, that a person receives the absolution or forgiveness from the minister, as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that his sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.

Which sins should a person confess?

Before God, we should plead guilty of all sins, including the ones we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the minister we should only confess the sins that we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your station according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, or servant? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone with words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent or careless, or caused any harm?

Dear sir, would you please provide me with a brief way to make confession?

This is what you should say to the minister:

Dear reverend! I ask you to hear my confession and to pronounce forgiveness to me for God's sake.

Proceed!

I, a poor sinner, confess before God that I am guilty of all sins. In particular, I confess before you that ... I am sorry for all this, and I ask for grace. I will mend my ways.

Then the minister should say:

God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith! Amen.

Furthermore:

Do you also believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

Answer: Yes, dear pastor.

Then let him say:

As you believe, so may it be done to you. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

Go in peace!

