

# Vespers for the week of Invocavit - Lent 1

## Ember Wednesday in Lent

*The Lutheran Hymnal, p.41*

Hymn

*O Christ, You Are the Day and Light (see insert)*

Stand

Versicles and Responses

*p.41 (no Hallelujah after Gloria Patri)*

The Psalmody

*Psalm 16*

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

**P** Man shall | not live by bread | alone:  
but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of | God.



Pre- | serve me, | O God,

**for in You I put my | trust.**

O my | soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are | my Lord,

**My goodness is nothing apart from | You."**

As for the | saints who are on | the earth,

**"They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my de- | light."**

Their | sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after ano- | ther god;

**Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my | lips.**

O | LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and | my cup;

**You maintain my | lot.**

The | lines have fallen to me in pleasant | places;

**Yes, I have a good inheri- | tance.**

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

**My heart also instructs me in the night sea- | sons.**

I have | set the LORD always be- | fore me;

**Because He is at my right hand I shall not be | moved.**

There- | fore my heart is glad, and my glory re- | joices;

**My flesh also will rest in | hope.**

For You | will not leave my soul in | Sheol,

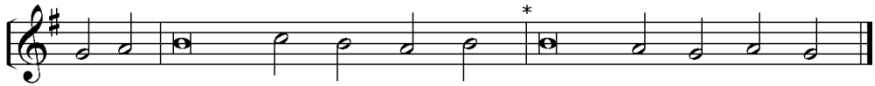
**Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corrup- | tion.**

You will | show me the path | of life;

**In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forever- | more.**



## The Canticle

*The Nunc Dimittis, p.43-44*

Lord, now | lettest Thou Thy servant | de- | part | in | peace, \*  
accord- | ing | to | Thy | word:

For mine | eyes have seen | Thy | sal- | va- | tion, \*

Which Thou hast prepared before the face | of | all | peo- | ple;

A — | Light to light- | en | the | Gen- | tiles, \*

and the Glory of Thy | peo- | ple | Isra- | el.

Glo-ry | be to the Father, | and | to | the | Son, \*

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

As it | was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be, \*

world with- | out | end. | A- | men.

## The Antiphon



**P** Be- | hold, now is the accepta- | ble time:

**C** Behold, now is the day of salva- | tion.

## The Prayers

*The Evening Suffrages*

**V** O Lord, | —

**R** Have mercy upon | us.

**V** O Christ, | —

**R** Have mercy upon | us.

**V** O Lord, | —

**R** 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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**R** **A- | men.**

**V** Grant us Your | grace, O Lord, | this night:

**R** **To keep us without | sin.**

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

**R** **Have mercy upon | us.**

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

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

**V** Hear my | prayer, | O Lord:

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

### The Salutation & Collects

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*After the Salutation, the Collect for the Day is spoken, followed by the Collect below, the Versicle, and the Collect for Peace.*

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live. We implore You graciously to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved and to grant us grace ever hereafter to serve You in holiness and purity of living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** *(sung)* **Amen.**



**V** Christ be- | came obedient un- | to death:

**R** **Even the death of the | cross.**

### The Benedicamus and The Benediction

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