

# The Order of Vespers

## for the Festival of Mary Magdalene (July 22)

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*The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 41*

**Hymn** *TLH #399 – Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*  
*Stand*

**Versicles and Responses** *p.41*

**The Psalmody** *Psalm 32*

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

**P** *(Antiphon)* Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but mercy will surround the one who trusts in the LORD.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**

Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you;  
**I did not hide my iniquity.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD;  
**and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore, let all the godly pray to you  
**at a time when you may be found.**

Yes, though mighty waters surge,  
**the godly will remain untouched.**

You are my hiding place; you will preserve me from trouble;  
**you will surround me with songs of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.  
**I will guide you with my eye.**

Be not like the horse, or like the mule, which have no understanding,  
**whose mouth must be restrained with bit and bridle, or else they refuse to come near you.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**but mercy will surround the one who trusts in the LORD.**

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O you righteous;  
**shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.**

**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. Amen.**

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*Sit*

## First Lesson

*Song of Solomon 3:2-5; 8:6-7*

*After each Lesson:*

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



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

## Second Lesson

*Luke 7:36-50*

## Hymn

*TLH #324 – Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

## The Sermon

*Stand*

## Versicle and Response

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## The Canticle

*The Magnificat, p.43*

## The Prayers

*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 brothers and sisters.

**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.**

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