

Welcome to Vespers for **December 26th, January 2nd, and 7th in the season of Christmas - Epiphany**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this evening are **Psalm 27 on page 227-8 and Psalm 29 on page 228**. The hymn is **LBW #83**.

PSALM 27 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

The Lord is my light and | my salvation;
whom then | shall I fear?*

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?*
- The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I | be afraid?
- ² When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,*
- it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum- | bled and fell.
- ³ Though an army should en- | camp against me,*
- yet my heart shall not | be afraid;
- ⁴ and though war should rise | up against me,*
- yet will I put my | trust in him.
- ⁵ One thing have I asked of the LORD; one | thing I seek;*
- that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life;
- ⁶ to behold the fair beauty | of the LORD*
- and to seek him | in his temple.
- ⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;*
- he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up- | on a rock.
- ⁸ Even now he lifts | up my head*
- above my enemies | round about me.
- ⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds | of great gladness;*
- I will sing and make music | to the LORD.
- ¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O LORD, | when I call;*
- have mercy on me and | answer me.
- ¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, | "Seek my face."*
- Your face, LORD, | will I seek.

- ¹² Hide not your | face from me,*
nor turn away your servant | in displeasure.
- ¹³ You have been my helper; cast me | not away;*
do not forsake me, O God of | my salvation.
- ¹⁴ Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,*
the LORD | will sustain me.
- ¹⁵ Show me your | way, O LORD;*
lead me on a level path, because | of my enemies.
- ¹⁶ Deliver me not into the hand of my | adversaries,*
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those | who speak malice.
- ¹⁷ What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness | of the LORD*
in the land | of the living!
- ¹⁸ Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall com- | fort your heart;*
wait patiently | for the LORD.

ANTIPHON

The Lord is my light and | my salvation;
whom then | shall I fear?*

PSALM 29 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

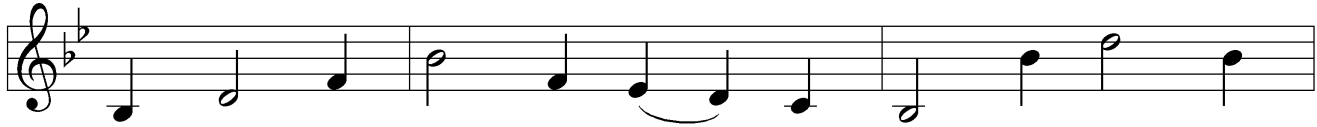
- ¹ Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;*
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;*
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;*
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,*
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe*
and strips the | forests bare.
- ⁹ And in the temple | of the LORD*
all are | crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.
- ¹¹ The LORD shall give strength | to his people;*
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

ANTIPHON

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

From God the Father, Virgin-Born



1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born to us the
2 Be - gin - ning from his home on high, in hu - man
3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring the gift of
4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; the gloom of



on - ly Son came down; by death the font to con - se -
flesh he came to die; cre - a - tion by his death re -
heal - ing on your wing; to ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed
dark - ness chase a - way; your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -



crate, the faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.
stored, and shed new joys of life a - broad.
sense the clear - ness of your light dis - pense.
gin, and take a - way the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once you came to earth's domain
and, we believe, shall come again;
be with us on the battlefield,
from ev'ry harm your people shield.

6 To you, O Lord, all glory be
for this your blest epiphany;
to God whom all his hosts adore,
and Holy Spirit evermore.

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