

Welcome to Vespers for **December 27th, January 3rd and 8th of 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 107 on page 267-9 and Psalm 15 on page 220**. The hymn is **#42**.

PSALM 107 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Give thanks to the Lord | for his mercy
and the wonders he does | for his children.*

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
and his mercy en- | dures forever.

² Let all those whom the LORD has re- | deemed proclaim*
that he redeemed them from the hand | of the foe.

³ He gathered them out | of the lands;*
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

⁴ Some wandered in | desert wastes;*
they found no way to a city where | they might dwell.

⁵ They were hun- | gry and thirsty;*
their spirits lan- | guished within them.

⁶ Then they cried to the LORD | in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.

⁷ He put their feet on | a straight path*
to go to a city where | they might dwell.

⁸ Let them give thanks to the LORD | for his mercy*
and the wonders he does | for his children.

⁹ For he satis- | fies the thirsty*
and fills the hungry | with good things.

¹⁰ Some sat in darkness | and deep gloom,*
bound fast in miser- | y and iron;

¹¹ because they rebelled against the | words of God*
and despised the counsel of | the Most High.

- ¹² So he humbled their spirits | with hard labor;*
they stumbled, and there was | none to help.
- ¹³ Then they cried to the LORD | in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.
- ¹⁴ He led them out of darkness | and deep gloom*
and broke their | bonds asunder.
- ¹⁵ Let them give thanks to the LORD | for his mercy*
and the wonders he does | for his children.
- ¹⁶ For he shatters the | doors of bronze*
and breaks in two the | iron bars.
- ¹⁷ Some were fools and took to re- | bellious ways;*
they were afflicted because | of their sins.
- ¹⁸ They abhorred all man- | ner of food*
and drew near | to death's door.
- ¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD | in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.
- ²⁰ He sent forth his | word and healed them*
and saved them | from the grave.
- ²¹ Let them give thanks to the LORD | for his mercy*
and the wonders he does | for his children.
- ²² Let them offer a sacrifice | of thanksgiving*
and tell of his acts with | shouts of joy.
- ²³ Some went down to the | sea in ships*
and plied their trade | in deep waters;
- ²⁴ they beheld the works | of the LORD*
and his wonders | in the deep.
- ²⁵ Then he spoke, and a stormy | wind arose,*
which tossed high the waves | of the sea.
- ²⁶ They mounted up to the heavens and fell back | to the depths;*
their hearts melted because | of their peril.
- ²⁷ They reeled and stag- | gered like drunkards*
and were at | their wits' end.

- 28 Then they cried to the LORD | in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.
- 29 He stilled the storm | to a whisper*
and quieted the waves | of the sea.
- 30 Then were they glad because | of the calm,*
and he brought them to the harbor | they were bound for.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the LORD | for his mercy*
and the wonders he does | for his children.
- 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation | of the people*
and praise him in the council | of the elders.
- 33 The LORD changed rivers | into deserts,*
and water-springs into | thirsty ground,
- 34 a fruitful land | into salt flats,*
because of the wickedness of | those who dwell there.
- 35 He changed deserts into | pools of water*
and dry land into | water-springs.
- 36 He settled the | hungry there,*
and they founded a cit- | y to dwell in.
- 37 They sowed fields, and | planted vineyards,*
and brought in a | fruitful harvest.
- 38 He blessed them, so that they | increased greatly;*
he did not let their | herds decrease.
- 39 Yet when they were diminished | and brought low,*
through stress of adversit- | y and sorrow,
- 40 he pours con- | tempt on princes*
and makes them wander in | trackless wastes;
- 41 he lifted up the poor | out of misery*
and multiplied their families like | flocks of sheep.
- 42 The upright will see this | and rejoice,*
but all wickedness will | shut its mouth.
- 43 Whoever is wise will pon- | der these things,*
and consider well the mercies | of the LORD.

ANTIPHON

Give thanks to the Lord | for his mercy
and the wonders he does | for his children.*

PSALM 15 (The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)

ANTIPHON

Blessed are the | pure in heart,
for they | will see God.*

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?*

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

² Whoever leads a blameless life and does | what is right,*
who speaks the truth | from his heart,

³ there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil | to his friend;*

he does not heap contempt up- | on his neighbor.

⁴ In his sight the wicked | is rejected,*
but he honors those who | fear the LORD.

⁵ He has sworn to | do no wrong*
and does not take | back his word.

⁶ He does not give his money in | hope of gain,*
nor does he take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.

⁷ Whoever | does these things*
shall never be | overthrown.

ANTIPHON

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for they | will see God.*

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Of the Father's Love Begotten



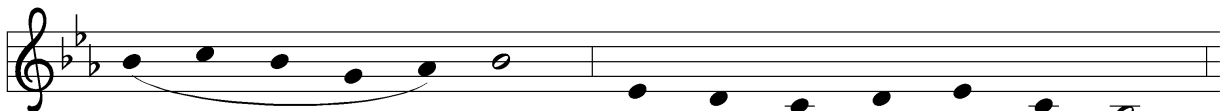
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
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