

Welcome to Vespers for **December 28<sup>th</sup>, January 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 110 on page 269 and Psalm 111 on page 270**. The hymn is **#58**.

**PSALM 110**      *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

#### ANTIPHON

*Princely state has been your from the day | of your birth,\*  
in beauty of holiness have | I begotten you.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit | at my right hand,\*  
until I make your ene- | mies your footstool."

<sup>2</sup> The LORD will send the scepter of your power | out of Zion,\*  
saying, "Rule over your enemies | round about you.

<sup>3</sup> Princely state has been yours from the day | of your birth;\*  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,  
like dew from the womb | of the morning."

<sup>4</sup> The LORD has sworn and he will | not recant:\*  
"You are a priest forever after the order | of Melchizedek."

<sup>5</sup> The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day | of his wrath;\*  
he will rule o- | ver the nations.

<sup>6</sup> He will heap | high the corpses;\*  
he will smash heads over | the wide earth.

<sup>7</sup> He will drink from the brook be-| side the road;\*  
therefore he will lift | high his head.

#### ANTIPHON

*Princely state has been your from the day | of your birth,\*  
in beauty of holiness have | I begotten you.*

**PSALM 111**(*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*Let the mountains break out with joy and the hills with an | swering gladness,\*  
for the world's true light, the Lord, comes with pow | er and might.*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,\*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the deeds | of the LORD!\*  
They are studied by all who de- | light in them.

<sup>3</sup> His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,\*  
and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> He gives food to | those who fear him;\*  
he is ever mindful | of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power | of his works\*  
in giving them the lands | of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;\*  
all his command- | ments are sure.

<sup>8</sup> They stand fast forev- | er and ever,\*  
because they are done in | truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- | nant forever;\*  
holy and awesome | is his name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;\*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding.  
His praise en- | dures forever.

ANTIPHON

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for the world's true light, the Lord, comes with pow | er and might.*

# Lo, How a Rose Is Growing



1 Lo, how a rose is grow - ing, a bloom of fin - est grace;  
2 The rose of which I'm sing - ing, I - sa - iah had fore - told.  
3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry the an - gels sang that night:  
4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, with fra - grance fills the air;  
5 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt all hu - man woe;



the proph - ets had fore - told it: a branch of Jes - se's race  
He came to us through Mar - y who shel - tered him from cold.  
how Christ was born of Mar - y; he was the Son of light.  
his bright - ness ends the dark - ness that kept the earth in fear.  
O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who tri - umphed o'er our foe:



would bear one per - fect flow'r here in the cold of  
Through God's e - ter - nal will this child to us was  
To Beth - le - hem they ran to find him in the  
True God and yet true man, he came to save his  
bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of



win - ter and dark - est mid - night hour.  
giv - en at mid - night calm and still.  
man - ger as an - gel her - alds sang.  
peo - ple from earth's dark night of sin.  
heav - en and in - to end - less day.

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