

Welcome to Matins for **December 29th, January 5th and 10th of the season of Christmas - Epiphany**. The Service for Matins can be found on p131-141 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this morning are **Psalm 96 on page 261 and Psalm 72 on page 248**. The hymn is **Lutheran Service Book (LSB) #624**.

PSALM 96 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad be | fore the Lord;
for | he has come.*

- ¹ Sing to the LORD | a new song;*
sing to the LORD, all | the whole earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD and | bless his name;*
proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory a- | mong the nations*
and his wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised;*
he is more to be feared | than all gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;*
but it is the LORD who | made the heavens.
- ⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence!*
Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples;*
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor | due his name;*
bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;*
let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.
- ¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!*"
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peo- | ples with equity."

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all | that is in it,*
let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD | when he comes,*
when he comes to | judge the earth.

¹³ He will judge the | world with righteousness*
and the peoples | with his truth.

ANTIPHON

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad be | fore the Lord,
for | he has come.*

PSALM 72 (The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)

ANTIPHON

Begotten of the Father before the daystar shone or | time began,
the Lord ad Savior has humbled himself to be | born for us.*

¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,*
and your righteousness to | the king's son;

² that he may rule your | people righteously*
and the | poor with justice;

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,*
and the little | hills bring righteousness.

⁴ He shall defend the needy a- | mong the people;*
he shall rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor.

⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure,*
from one generation | to another.

⁶ He shall come down like rain upon | the mown field,*
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.

⁷ In his time shall the | righteous flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

- ⁸ He shall rule from | sea to sea,*
and from the river to the ends | of the earth.
- ⁹ His foes shall bow | down before him,*
and his enemies | lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles | shall pay tribute,*
and the kings of Arabia and Saba | offer gifts.
- ¹¹ All kings shall bow | down before him,*
and all the nations | do him service.
- ¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries out | in distress,*
and the oppressed who | has no helper.
- ¹³ He shall have pity on the low- | ly and poor;*
he shall preserve the lives | of the needy.
- ¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives from oppres- | sion and violence,*
and dear shall their blood be | in his sight.
- ¹⁵ Long may he live! And may there be given to him gold | from Arabia;*
may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all | the day long.
- ¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain on the earth,
growing thick even | on the hilltops;*
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and its grain like grass up- | on the earth.
- ¹⁷ May his name remain forever and be established as long as the | sun endures;*
may all the nations bless themselves in him and | call him blessed.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord GOD, the | God of Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous deeds!
- ¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious | name forever,*
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. A- | men. Amen.

ANTIPHON

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the Lord ad Savior has humbled himself to be | born for us.*

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

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1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who
 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the

ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the
 rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from

forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.
 Him re - ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
 A priestly food and priestly meat;
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
 His quenching blood
 that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb,
 our Priest and King.

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