

Welcome to Vespers for **December 30th, January 11th 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 89:1-18 on page 256-7 and Psalm 89 on page 257-8**. The hymn is in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) **#360**.

PSALM 89 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!**
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;*
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

² For I am persuaded that your love is estab- | lished forever;*
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

³ "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;*
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴ "I will establish your | line forever,*
and preserve your throne for all | generations."'

⁵ The heavens bear witness to your won- | ders, O LORD,*
and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones;

⁶ for who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?*

Who is like the LORD a- | mong the gods?

⁷ God is much to be feared in the council of the | holy ones,*
great and terrible to all those | round about him.

⁸ Who is like you, LORD | God of hosts?*

O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is | all around you.

⁹ You rule the raging | of the sea*
and still the surging | of its waves.

¹⁰ You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a | deadly wound;*
you have scattered your enemies with your | mighty arm.

¹¹ Yours are the heavens; the earth al- | so is yours;*
you laid the foundations of the world and all | that is in it.

¹² You have made the north | and the south;*
Tabor and Hermon rejoice | in your name.

¹³ You have a | mighty arm;*
strong is your hand and high is | your right hand.

¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundations | of your throne;*
love and truth go be- | fore your face.

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!*
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

¹⁶ They rejoice daily | in your name;*
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.

¹⁷ For you are the glory | of their strength,*
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

¹⁸ Truly, the LORD | is our ruler;*
the Holy One of Israel | is our king.

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I will establish his | line forever
and his throne as the | days of heaven.*

¹⁹ You spoke once in a vision and said to your | faithful people:*
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out | of the people.

- 20 I have found Da- | vid my servant;*
with my holy oil have I a- | nointed him.
- 21 My hand will | hold him fast*
and my arm will | make him strong.
- 22 No enemy | shall deceive him,*
nor any wicked man | bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his | foes before him*
and strike down | those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall | be with him,*
and he shall be victorious | through my name.
- 25 I shall make his domin- | ion extend*
from the great sea | to the river.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You | are my Father,*
my God, and the rock of | my salvation.'
- 27 I will make | him my firstborn*
and higher than the kings | of the earth.
- 28 I will keep my love for | him forever,*
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his | line forever*
and his throne as the | days of heaven.
- 30 If his children for- | sake my law*
and do not walk according | to my judgments;
- 31 if they | break my statutes*
and do not keep | my commandments;
- 32 I will punish their transgressions | with a rod*
and their iniquities | with the lash;
- 33 but I will not take my | love from him,*
nor let my faithful- | ness prove false.
- 34 I will not | break my covenant,*
nor change what has gone out | of my lips.
- 35 Once for all I have sworn | by my holiness:*
'I will not | lie to David.

- ³⁶ His line shall en- | dure forever*
and his throne as the | sun before me;
- ³⁷ it shall stand fast forevermore | like the moon,*
the abiding witness | in the sky."
- ³⁸ But you have cast off and rejected | your anointed,*
you have become en- | raged at him.
- ³⁹ You have broken your covenant | with your servant,*
defiled his crown, and hurled it | to the ground.
- ⁴⁰ You have breached | all his walls*
and laid his strong- | holds in ruins.
- ⁴¹ All who pass | by despoil him,*
he has become the scorn | of his neighbors.
- ⁴² You have exalted the right hand | of his foes*
and made all his ene- | mies rejoice.
- ⁴³ You have turned back the edge | of his sword*
and have not sustained | him in battle.
- ⁴⁴ You have put an end | to his splendor*
and cast his throne | to the ground.
- ⁴⁵ You have cut short the days | of his youth*
and have covered | him with shame.
- ⁴⁶ How long will you hide yourself, O LORD? Will you hide your- | self forever?*
- How long will your anger | burn like fire?
- ⁴⁷ Remember, LORD, how | short life is,*
how frail you have | made all flesh.
- ⁴⁸ Who can live and | not see death?*
- Who can save himself from the power | of the grave?
- ⁴⁹ Where, Lord, are your lovingkindness- | es of old,*
which you promised David | in your faithfulness?
- ⁵⁰ Remember, Lord, how your ser- | vant is mocked,*
how I carry in my bosom the taunts of | many peoples,
- ⁵¹ the taunts your enemies have | hurled, O LORD,*
which they hurled at the heels of | your anointed.

⁵² Blessed be the | LORD forevermore!*
Amen, I | say. Amen.

ANTIPHON

I will establish his | line forever
and his throne as the | days of heaven.*

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All My Heart Again Rejoices

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1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near
 2 Hear! The Con - quer - or has spo - ken: "Now the foe, Sin and woe,
 3 Should we fear our God's dis - plea - sure, Who, to save, Free - ly gave
 4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing To the cross, Suf - f'ring loss,

Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing
 Death and hell are bro - ken!" God is man, man to de - liv - er,
 His most pre - cious trea - sure? To re - deem us He has giv - en
 Full a - tone - ment mak - ing. For our life His own He ten - ders,

Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
 And the Son Now is one With our blood for - ev - er.
 His own Son From the throne Of His might in heav - en.
 And His grace All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.

5 Softly from His lowly manger
 Jesus calls
 One and all,
 "You are safe from danger.
 Children, from the sins that grieve you
 You are freed;
 All you need
 I will surely give you."

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness!
 One and all,
 Great and small,
 Come with songs of gladness.
 We shall live with Him forever
 There on high
 In that joy
 Which will vanish never.