

# LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP: Daily Prayer


## ADVENT Vespers


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*A very simplified form of Vespers (Evening Prayer), suitable for family or small group devotions, is indicated with a small circle. There are choices you can make later in the service for the Magnificat and the Litany.*

Stand


### VERSICLES


○   
☐ The Spirit and the Church cry out: ☑ **Come, Lord Je - sus.**


○   
☐ All those who await his ap - pear - ance pray: ☑ **Come, Lord Je - sus.**


○   
☐ The whole cre - a - tion pleads: ☑ **Come, Lord Je - sus.**

### PHOS HILARION

  
☐ Joy-ous light of glo - ry: ☑ **of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther;**

  
heav - en - ly, ho - ly, bless - ed Je - sus Christ.

  
We have come to the set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

  
We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it: You are wor - thy of

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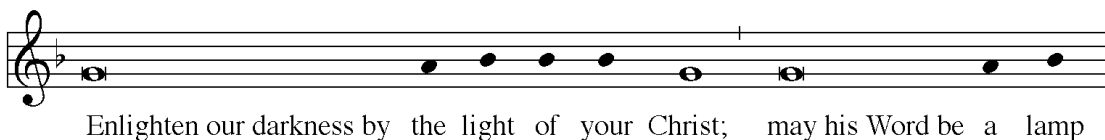
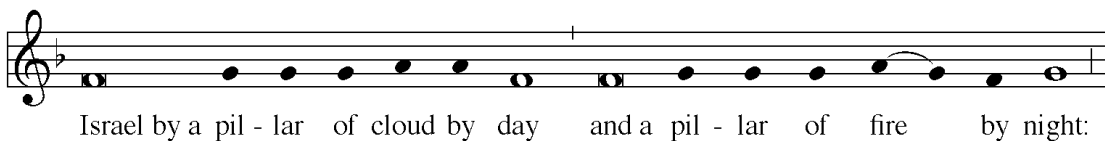
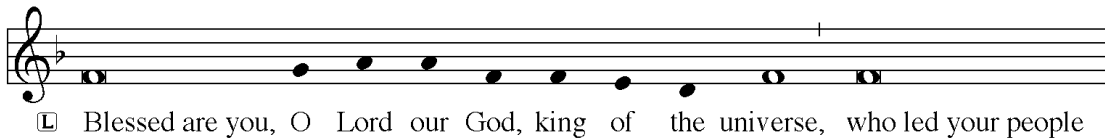
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### THANKSGIVING



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and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and we, your crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. **A - men**

*Kneel/sit*

### PSALMODY

**I** Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**II** O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

**III** Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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I Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



II Let not my heart in-cline to an - y e - vil thing; let me not be oc - cu -



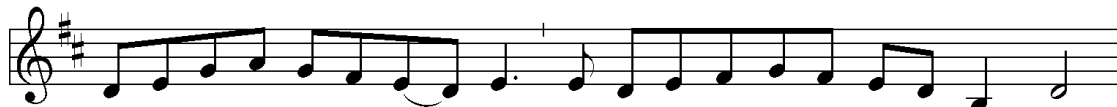
pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers. I But my eyes are



turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



III Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



I as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



IV Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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*Silence for meditation*

- o L Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

**C Amen**

*Sit*

*A second psalm is sung or said. Additional psalms and a New Testament canticle may be sung or said also. Silence for meditation follows each psalm or canticle.*

*Stand*

HYMN

*A hymn is sung.*

*Sit*

- o *One or two Scripture passages are read. Silence for meditation follows each reading.*

L In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

**C But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL CANTICLE**

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☞ My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir- it re-joic- es in

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God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor on his low-ly ser- vant.




From this day all gen-er - a - tions will call me bless- ed.



The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho-ly is his name.



He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev- 'ry gen-er - a - tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the



proud in their con- ceit. He has cast down the might- y from their thrones,



and has lift - ed up the low - ly. He has filled the



hun-ry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way emp - ty.

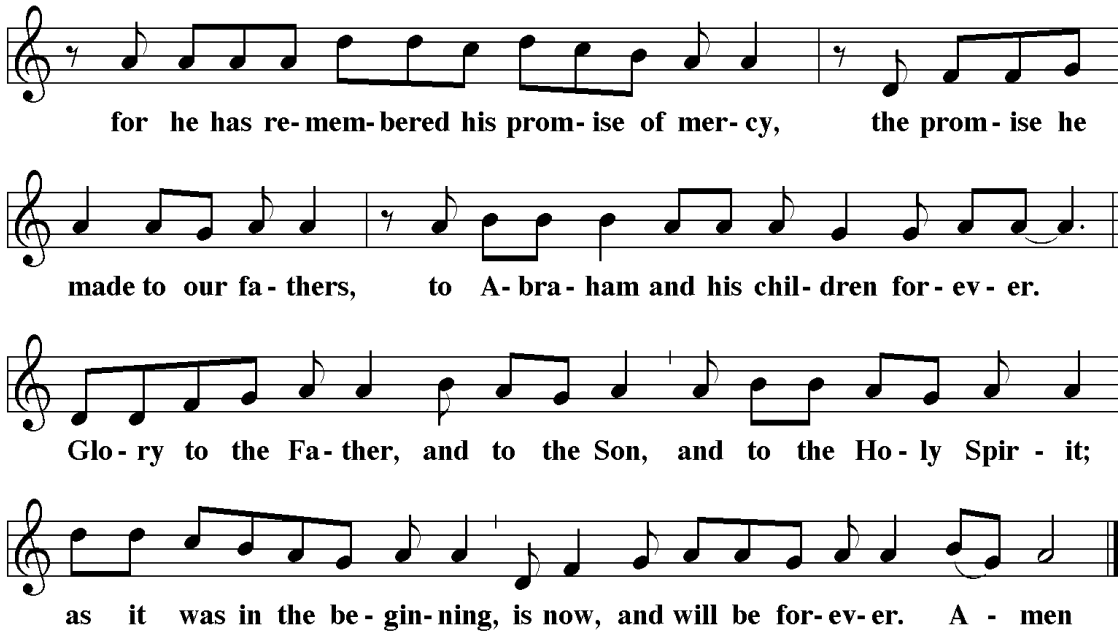


He has come to the help of his ser- vant Is - ra - el,

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for he has re-mem-bered his prom-ise of mer-cy, the prom-ise he  
made to our fa-thers, to A-bra-ham and his chil-dren for-ev-er.  
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men

OR

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### My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord

*Magnificat*



My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord;\*  
my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,  
for he has | looked with favor\*  
on his | lowly servant.

From this day all | generations\*  
will | call me blessed.  
The Almighty has done great | things for me,\*  
and holy | is his name.

He has mercy on | those who fear him\*  
in every | generation.  
He has shown the strength | of his arm;\*  
he has scattered the proud in | their conceit.

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He has cast down the mighty | from their thrones,\*  
and has lifted | up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry | with good things,\*  
and the rich he has sent | away empty.

He has come to the help of his | servant Israel,\*  
for he has remembered his prom- | ise of mercy,  
the promise he made | to our fathers,\*  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

Glory to the Father, and | to the Son,\*  
and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the begin- | ning, is now,\*  
and will be forev- | er. Amen

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*Kneel/stand*

### o THE LITANY

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**



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L For [names], for our *pastor/pastors* in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence for meditation.*

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L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

**C To you, O Lord.**

OR

L Lord, have mercy.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Christ, have mercy.

**C Christ, have mercy.**

L Lord, have mercy.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L O Christ, hear us.

**C In mercy hear us.**

L God, the Father in heaven,

**C have mercy on us.**

L God, the Son, redeemer of the world,

**C have mercy on us.**

L God, the Holy Spirit,

**C have mercy on us.**

L Holy Trinity, one God,

**C have mercy on us.**

L Be gracious to us.

**C Spare us, good Lord.**

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L Be gracious to us.

**C Spare us, good Lord.**

L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
from the cunning assaults of the devil;  
from an unprepared and evil death:

**C Good Lord, deliver us.**

L From war, bloodshed, and violence;  
from corrupt and unjust government;  
from sedition and treason:

**C Good Lord, deliver us.**

L From epidemic, drought, and famine;  
from fire and flood, earthquake, lightning and storm;  
and from everlasting death:

**C Good Lord, deliver us.**

L By the mystery of your incarnation;  
by your holy birth:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

L By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by your agony and bloody sweat;  
by your cross and suffering;  
by your death and burial:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

L By your resurrection and ascension;  
by the gift of the Holy Spirit:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

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L In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death;  
and in the day of judgment:

**C Save us, good Lord.**

L Though unworthy, we implore you

**C to hear us, Lord our God.**

L To rule and govern your holy catholic Church;  
to guide all servants of your Church in the love of your Word  
and in holiness of life;  
to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense to those who  
would believe;  
and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone astray:

**C We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

L To beat down Satan under our feet;  
to send faithful workers into your harvest;  
to accompany your Word with your Spirit and power;  
to raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand;  
and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the distressed:

**C We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

L To give to all nations justice and peace;  
to preserve our country from discord and strife;  
to direct and guard those who have civil authority;  
and to bless and guide all our people:

**C We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

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L To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;  
to protect and guide all who travel;  
to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;  
to watch over children and to guide the young;  
to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;  
to bring reconciliation to families in discord;  
to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;  
to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;  
to support, comfort, and guide all orphans, widowers, and  
widows;  
and to have mercy on all your people:

**C We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to  
reconcile us to them;  
to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures of the earth, the  
sea, and the air;  
and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**C we implore you to hear us.**

L Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**C have mercy on us.**

L Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**C have mercy on us.**

L Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**C give us peace. Amen**

L O Christ, hear us.  
**C In mercy hear us.**

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L Lord, have mercy.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Christ, have mercy.

**C Christ, have mercy.**

L Lord, have mercy.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The prayer of day may be said and is found in the front part of the Lutheran Book of Worship on pages 13-36. For example, if one is using the service on Wednesday evening, the prayer of the day is the one said the previous Sunday.*

- o L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**C Amen**

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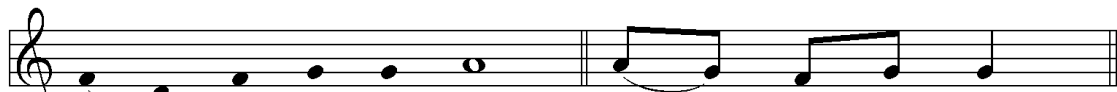
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◦ L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

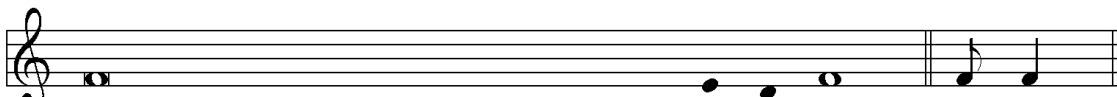
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

*Stand*



☐ Let us bless the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God.

◦ BENEDICTION



☐ The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless . . . and pre-serve us. ☑ A - men