

LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP: Daily Prayer

CHRISTMAS - EPIPHANY Vespers

Lutheran Book of Worship pages 142-153; The Propers for Daily Prayer pages 174-177

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 people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not over- come it.**


○  Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**


○  For to us a child is born, to us a Son is giv - en. **In him was life, and the life was the light of man.**

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

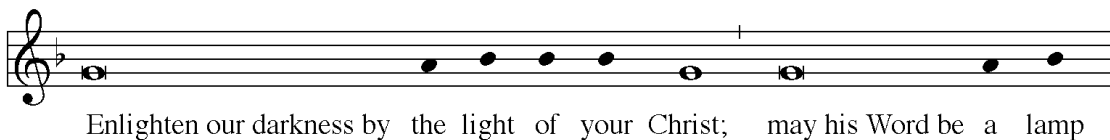
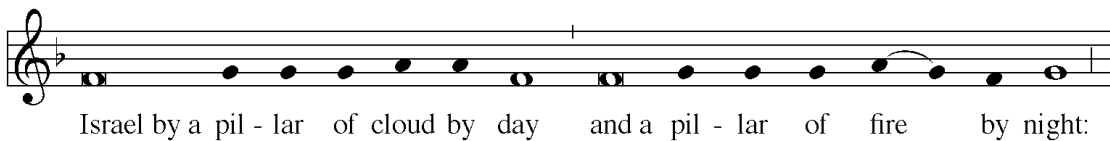
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and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and we, your crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. **A - men**

Kneel/sit

PSALMODY



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



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



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



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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① Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



② 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. ① But my eyes are



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



② Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



① as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



③ 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

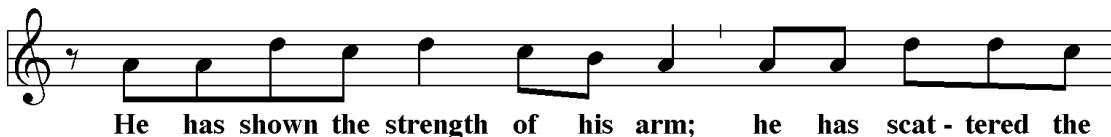
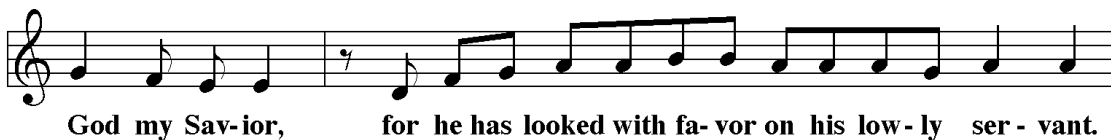
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☞ My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir- it re-joic- es in

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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.

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

- o 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**

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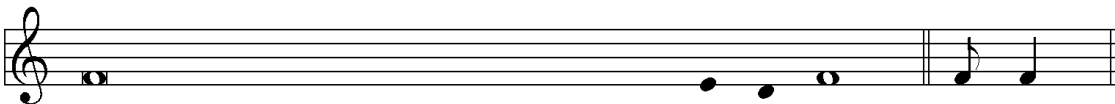
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Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



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

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