

Welcome to Vespers for **Friday (Week 4)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this evening are **Psalm 40 found on page 232-3 and Psalm 112 found on page 270**. The hymn is **#438**.

PSALM 40 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

My food is to do the will of my father.

¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD;*
he stooped to me and | heard my cry.

²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and clay;*
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;*
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!*

They do not resort to evil spirits or turn | to false gods.

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! How great your wonders and
your | plans for us!*

There is none who can be com- | pared with you.

⁶Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!*

But they are more than | I can count.

⁷In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;*

you have given me | ears to hear you;

⁸burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,*
and so I said, “Be- | hold, I come.

⁹In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:*

‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep | in my heart.’”

¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;*

behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O | LORD, you know.

- ¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;*
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great | congregation.
- ¹²You are the LORD; do not withhold your com- | passion from me;*
let your love and your faithfulness keep me | safe forever,
- ¹³For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I | cannot see;*
they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and | my heart fails me.
- ¹⁴Be pleased, O LORD, to de- | liver me;*
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
- ¹⁵Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life | to destroy it;*
let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in | my misfortune.
- ¹⁶Let those who say “Aha!” and gloat over me | be confounded,*
because they | are ashamed.
- ¹⁷Let all who seek you rejoice in you | and be glad;*
let those who love your salvation continually say, “Great | is the LORD!”
- ¹⁸Though I am poor | and afflicted,*
the Lord will have re- | gard for me.
- ¹⁹You are my helper and | my deliverer;*
do not tarry, | O my God.

ANTIPHON

My food is to do the will of my father.

PSALM 112 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Blessed are those who hunger and | thirst for righteousness;
for they | shall be filled.*

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord*
and have great delight in | his commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;*
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be | in their house,*
and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;*
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending*
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

⁶For they will nev- | er be shaken;*
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;*
their heart is right; they put their trust | in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and | will not shrink,*
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.

⁹They have given freely | to the poor,*
and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;*
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.

ANTIPHON

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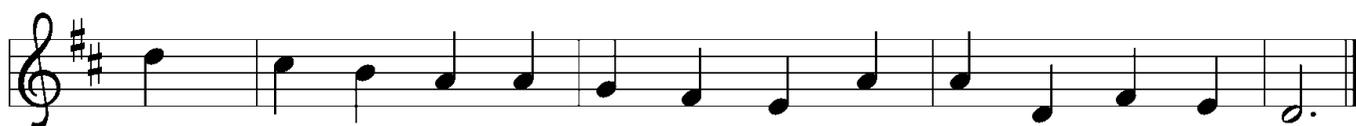
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Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.
- 2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
- 3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;
- 4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;
- 5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength-ened with all might,



Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.
And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.
a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.
we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.

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