

Welcome to Matins for the **Fridays (and December 22<sup>nd</sup>) in Advent**. The Service for Matins can be found on p131-141 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this morning are **Psalm 102 on page 263-4 and Psalm 148 on page 287-8**. The hymn is **#27**.

**PSALM 102**      *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

*The Lord will | build up Zion, \*  
and his glory | will appear.*

December 22      *You will arise and have compassion on Zion,  
for it is time to have mer | cy upon her; \*  
indeed, the appointed | time has come.*

<sup>1</sup> LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry | come before you;\*  
hide not your face from me in the day | of my trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Incline your | ear to me;\*  
when I call, make haste to | answer me,

<sup>3</sup> for my days drift a- | way like smoke,\*  
and my bones are hot as | burning coals.

<sup>4</sup> My heart is smitten like | grass and withered,\*  
so that I forget to | eat my bread.

<sup>5</sup> Because of the voice | of my groaning\*  
I am but | skin and bones.

<sup>6</sup> I have become like a vulture | in the wilderness,\*  
like an owl a- | mong the ruins.

<sup>7</sup> I lie a- | wake and groan;\*  
I am like a sparrow, lonely | on a housetop.

<sup>8</sup> My enemies revile me | all day long,\*  
and those who scoff at me have taken an | oath against me.

<sup>9</sup> For I have eaten ash- | es for bread\*  
and mingled my | drink with weeping.

<sup>10</sup> Because of your indigna- | tion and wrath\*  
you have lifted me up and thrown | me away.

- <sup>11</sup> My days pass away | like a shadow,\*  
and I wither | like the grass.
- <sup>12</sup> But you, O LORD, en- | dure forever,\*  
and your name from | age to age.
- <sup>13</sup> You will arise and have compassion on Zion,  
for it is time to have mer- | cy upon her;\*  
indeed, the appointed | time has come.
- <sup>14</sup> For your servants love her | very rubble,\*  
and are moved to pity even | for her dust.
- <sup>15</sup> The nations shall fear your | name, O LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the | earth your glory.
- <sup>16</sup> For the LORD will | build up Zion,\*  
and his glory | will appear.
- <sup>17</sup> He will look with favor on the prayer | of the homeless;\*  
he will not de- | spise their plea.
- <sup>18</sup> Let this be written for a future | generation,\*  
so that a people yet unborn may | praise the LORD.
- <sup>19</sup> For the LORD looked down from his holy | place on high;\*  
from the heavens he be- | held the earth;
- <sup>20</sup> that he might hear the groan | of the captive\*  
and set free those con- | demned to die;
- <sup>21</sup> that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD,\*  
and his praise | in Jerusalem;
- <sup>22</sup> when the peoples are gath- | ered together,\*  
and the kingdoms also, to | serve the LORD.
- <sup>23</sup> He has brought down my strength | before my time;\*  
he has shortened the number | of my days;
- <sup>24</sup> and I said, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst | of my days;\*"   
your years endure throughout all | generations.
- <sup>25</sup> In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations | of the earth,\*  
and the heavens are the work | of your hands.
- <sup>26</sup> They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out | like a garment;\*

as clothing you will change them, and they | shall be changed;

<sup>27</sup> but you are al- | ways the same,\*  
and your years will | never end.

<sup>28</sup> The children of your servants | shall continue,\*  
and their offspring shall stand fast | in your sight."

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*I shall enfold Zion with | my salvation\*  
and shed my glory a | round Jerusalem.*

December 22      *I shall not cease to plead with | God for Zion\*  
until he sends his Holy One in all his | radiant beauty.*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;\*  
praise him | in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;\*  
praise him, | all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, | sun and moon;\*  
praise him, all you | shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,\*  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD;\*  
for he commanded, and they | were created.

<sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;\*  
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.

- <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD | from the earth,\*  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, | snow and fog,\*  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;
- <sup>9</sup> mountains | and all hills,\*  
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- <sup>10</sup> wild beasts | and all cattle,\*  
creeping things and | winged birds;
- <sup>11</sup> kings of the earth | and all peoples,\*  
princes and all rulers | of the world;
- <sup>12</sup> young | men and maidens,\*  
old and | young together.
- <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,\*  
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- <sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his | loyal servants,\*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. | Hallelujah!

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# Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him  
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion  
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



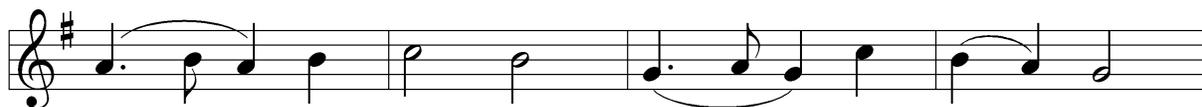
once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;  
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!