

Welcome to Vespers for the **Fridays (and December 23rd) in Advent**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this evening is **Psalm 130 found on page 281**. The hymn is **#25**.

PSALM 130 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

*I wait for the Lord; my soul | waits for him;**
in his word | is my hope.

December 23 *Come, Lord, do | not delay;**
Free your people | from their sin.

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, | hear my voice;*
let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.

² If you, LORD, were to note what is | done amiss,*
O LORD, | who could stand?

³ For there is forgive- | ness with you;*
therefore you | shall be feared.

⁴ I wait for the LORD; my soul | waits for him;*
in his word | is my hope.

⁵ My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen | for the morning,*
more than watchmen | for the morning.

⁶ O Israel, wait | for the LORD,*
for with the LORD | there is mercy;

⁷ with him there is plen- | teous redemption,*
and he shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.

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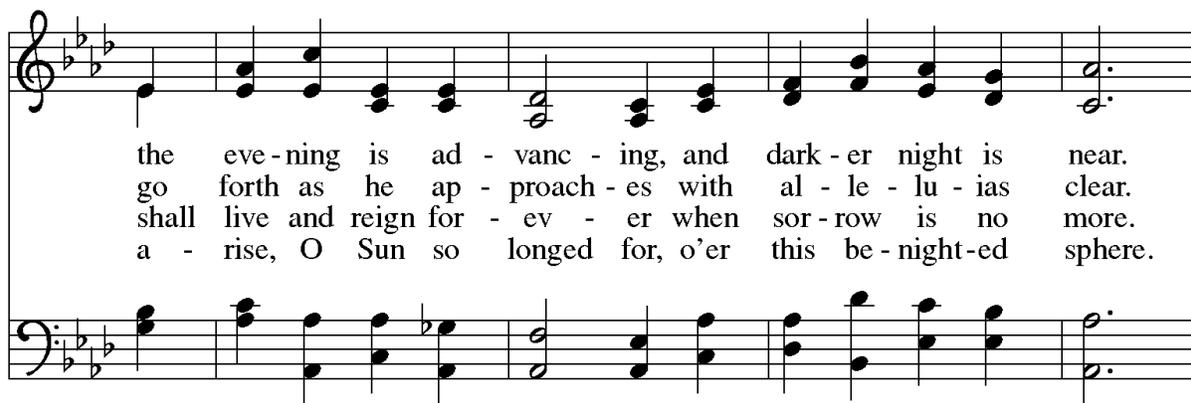
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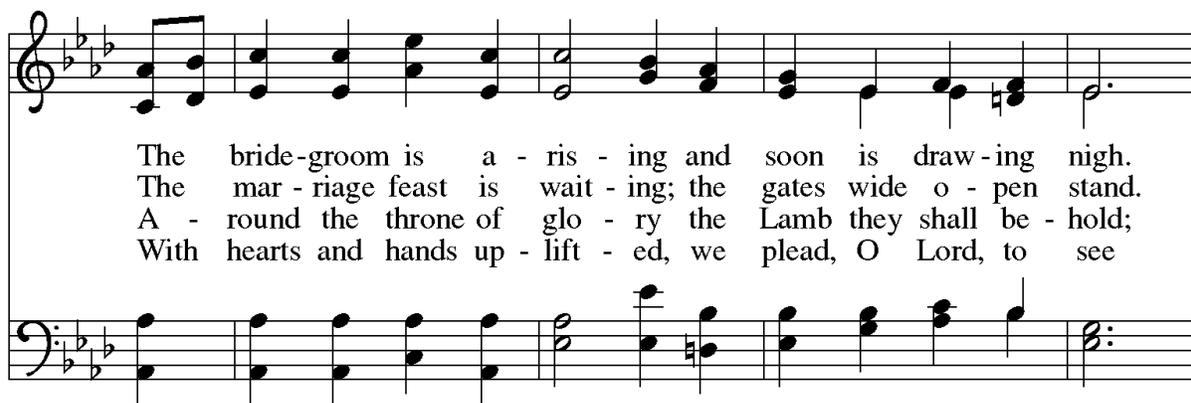
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



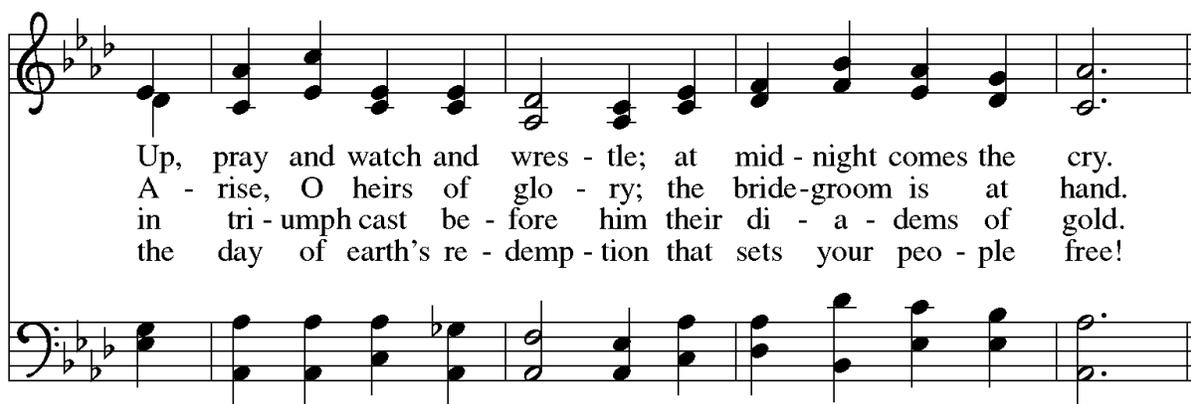
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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