

Welcome to Vespers for **Maundy Thursday**. The Service is on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The Psalm for this evening is **Psalm 102 on p263-4**. The hymn is **#127**.

PSALM 102

(The cantor will sing the antiphon. The psalm will be sung in unison.)

ANTIPHON

I said, "O my God, do not take | me away
in the midst | of my days."*

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

²Incline your | ear to me;*
when I call, make haste to | answer me,

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

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

⁵Because of the voice | of my groaning*
I am but | skin and bones.

⁶I have become like a vulture | in the wilderness,*
like an owl a- | mong the ruins.

⁷I lie a- | wake and groan;*
I am like a sparrow, lonely | on a housetop.

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

⁹For I have eaten ash- | es for bread*
and mingled my | drink with weeping.

¹⁰Because of your indigna- | tion and wrath*
you have lifted me up and thrown | me away.

¹¹My days pass away | like a shadow,*
and I wither | like the grass.

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

²⁷but you are al- | ways the same,*
and your years will | never end.

²⁸The children of your servants | shall continue,*
and their offspring shall stand fast | in your sight.”

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It Happened on That Fateful Night



1 It hap - pened on that fate - ful night when pow'rs of
2 Be - fore the bit - ter scene be - gan, he took the
3 "My bod - y, bro - ken for your sin, re - ceive and
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, re - mem - ber -
5 O Lord, your feast we cel - e - brate; we show your



earth and hell a - rose a - gainst the Son, our
bread, and blest and broke. What love through all his
eat as liv - ing food." He took the cup and
ing your dy - ing friend; meet at my ta - ble
death; we sing your name till you re - turn, when



God's de - light, and friends be - trayed him to his foes.
ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of love he spoke!
blest the wine: "Share this new tes - ta - ment, my blood."
and re - cord the full o - be - dience of your Lord."
we shall eat the mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

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