

Welcome to Vespers for **Monday (Week 3)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this evening are **Psalm 85 found on page 254 and Psalm 49 found on page 237-8**. The hymn is **#409**.

PSALM 85 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have forgiven the iniquity | of your people.*

¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;*
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people*
and blotted out | all their sins.

³You have withdrawn | all your fury*
and turned yourself from your wrathful | indignation.

⁴Restore us then, O | God our Savior;*
let your anger de- | part from us.

⁵Will you be displeased with | us forever?*

Will you prolong your anger from | age to age?

⁶Will you not give us | life again,*
that your people may re- | joice in you?

⁷Show us your mer- | cy, O LORD,*
and grant us | your salvation.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to him.

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to | those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have | met together;*
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up | from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,*
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall | go before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway | for his feet.

ANTIPHON

You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have forgiven the iniquity | of your people.*

PSALM 49 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

You cannot serve God and wealth.

¹Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell | in the world,*
you of high degree and low, rich and | poor together.

²My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,*
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

³I will incline my ear | to a proverb*
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.

⁴Why should I be afraid in | evil days,*
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

⁵the wickedness of those who put their trust | in their goods,*
and boast of | their great riches?

⁶We can never ran- | som ourselves,*
or deliver to God the price | of our life;

⁷for the ransom of our life | is so great,*
that we should never have e- | nough to pay it,

⁸in order to live forev- | er and ever,*
and never | see the grave.

⁹For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish*
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.

¹⁰Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to | genera-
tion,*
though they call the lands after | their own names.

¹¹Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;*
they are like the | beasts that perish.

¹²Such is the way of those who foolishly trust | in themselves,*
and the end of those who delight in | their own words.

¹³Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; death | is their shepherd;*
they go down straightway | to the grave.

¹⁴Their form shall | waste away,*
and the land of the dead shall | be their home.

¹⁵But God will snatch me from the | grasp of death;
he will snatch me from the | grasp of death.

¹⁶Do not be envious when some | become rich,*
or when the grandeur of their | house increases;

¹⁷for they will carry nothing away | at their death,*
nor will their grandeur | follow them.

¹⁸Though they thought highly of themselves | while they lived,*
and were praised for | their success,

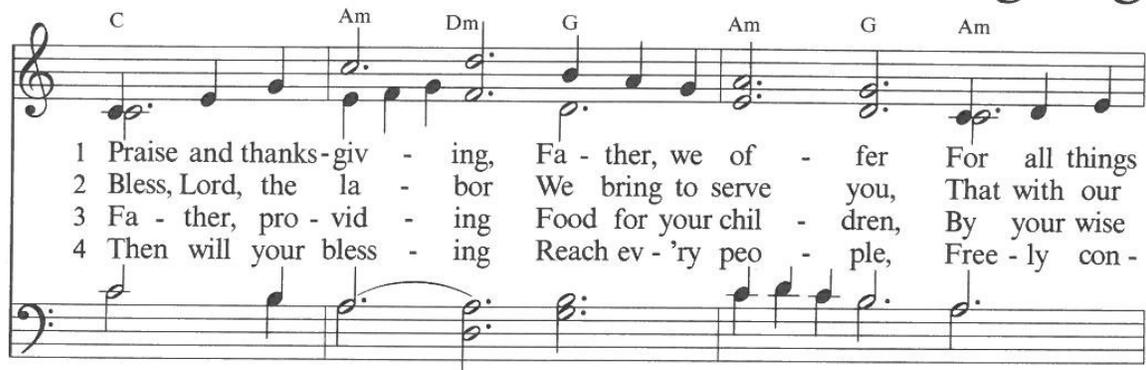
¹⁹they shall join the company | of their forebears,*
who will never see the | light again.

²⁰Those who are honored, but have no | understanding,*
are like the | beasts that perish.

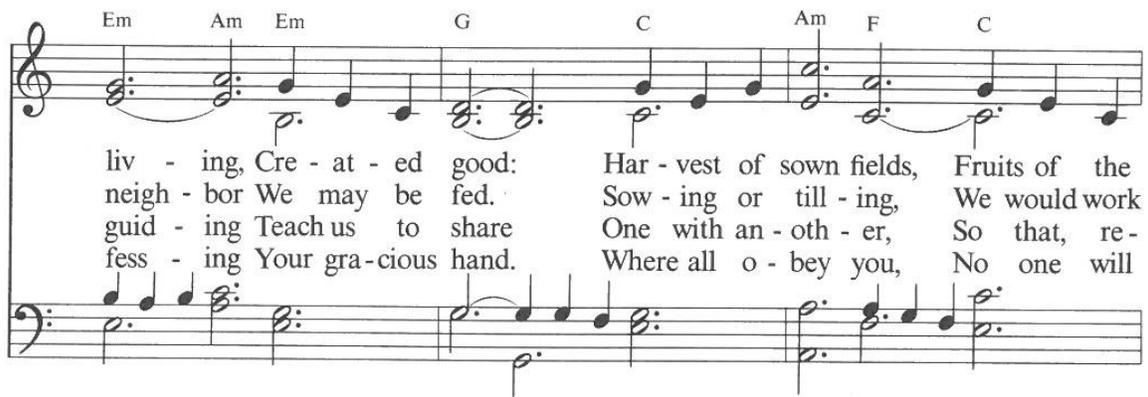
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Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
 4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
 with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.
 hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.

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