

Welcome to Vespers for **Monday (Week 4)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this evening are **Psalm 73 found on page 248-9 and Psalm 4 found on page 216**. The hymn is **#362**.

**PSALM 73** *(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.*

<sup>1</sup>Truly, God is | good to Israel,\*  
to those who are | pure in heart.

<sup>2</sup>But as for me, my feet had | nearly slipped;\*  
I had almost | tripped and fallen;

<sup>3</sup>because I en- | vied the proud\*  
and saw the prosperity | of the wicked:

<sup>4</sup>For they suf- | fer no pain,\*  
and their bodies are | sleek and sound;

<sup>5</sup>in the misfortunes of others they | have no share;\*  
they are not afflicted as | others are;

<sup>6</sup>therefore they wear their pride | like a necklace\*  
and wrap their violence about them | like a cloak.

<sup>7</sup>Their iniquity comes | from gross minds,\*  
and their hearts overflow with | wicked thoughts.

<sup>8</sup>They scoff and | speak maliciously;\*  
out of their haughtiness they | plan oppression.

<sup>9</sup>They set their mouths a- | gainst the heavens,\*  
and their evil speech runs | through the world.

<sup>10</sup>And so the people | turn to them\*  
and find in | them no fault.

<sup>11</sup>They say, “How | should God know?\*"  
Is there knowledge | in the Most High?”

- <sup>12</sup>So then, these | are the wicked;\*  
always at ease, they in- | crease their wealth.
- <sup>13</sup>In vain have I kept | my heart clean,\*  
and washed my | hands in innocence.
- <sup>14</sup>I have been afflicted | all day long,\*  
and punished | every morning.
- <sup>15</sup>Had I gone on speak- | ing this way,\*  
I should have betrayed the generation | of your children.
- <sup>16</sup>When I tried to under- | stand these things,\*  
it was too | hard for me;
- <sup>17</sup>until I entered the sanctuar- | y of God\*  
and discerned the end | of the wicked.
- <sup>18</sup>Surely, you set them in | slippery places;\*  
you cast them | down in ruin.
- <sup>19</sup>Oh, how suddenly do they come | to destruction,\*  
come to an end, and per- | ish from terror!
- <sup>20</sup>Like a dream when one awak- | ens, O Lord,\*  
when you arise you will make their | image vanish.
- <sup>21</sup>When my mind be- | came embittered,\*  
I was sorely wounded | in my heart.
- <sup>22</sup>I was stupid and had no | understanding,\*  
I was like a brute beast | in your presence.
- <sup>23</sup>Yet I am al- | ways with you;\*  
you hold me by | my right hand.
- <sup>24</sup>You will guide me | by your counsel,\*  
and afterwards receive | me with glory.
- <sup>25</sup>Whom have I in heav- | en but you?\*
- And having you, I desire nothing | upon earth.
- <sup>26</sup>Though my flesh and my heart should | waste away,\*  
God is the strength of my heart and my por- | tion forever.
- <sup>27</sup>Truly, those who forsake | you will perish;\*  
you destroy all who | are unfaithful.

<sup>28</sup>But it is good for me to | be near God;\*  
I have made the Lord | GOD my refuge.

<sup>29</sup>I will speak of | all your works\*  
in the gates of the cit- | y of Zion.

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#### ANTIPHON

*You cannot serve God and wealth.*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;\*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;\*  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?”

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;\*  
when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and | do not sin;\*  
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed | sacrifices,\*  
and put your trust | in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see | better times!”\*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness | in my heart,\*  
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

<sup>8</sup>I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;\*  
for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

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## We Plow the Fields and Scatter

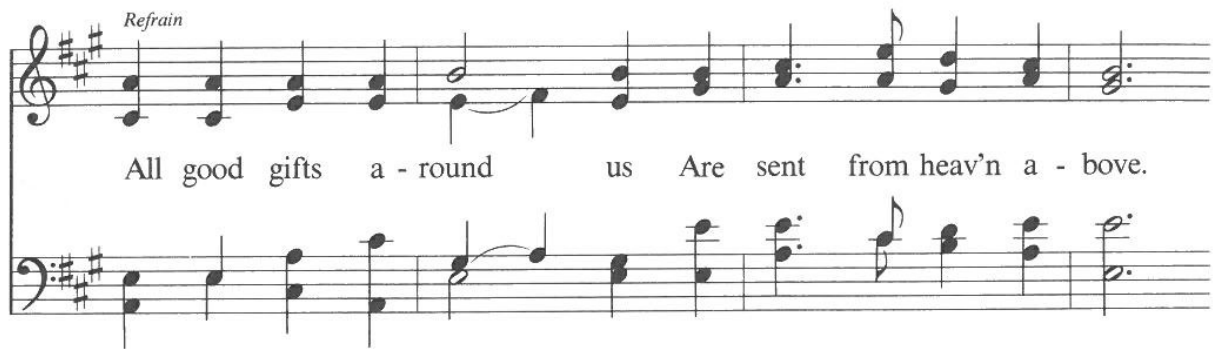
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,  
 2 He on - ly is the mak - er Of all things near and far;  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,

But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand.  
 He paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star.  
 The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food.

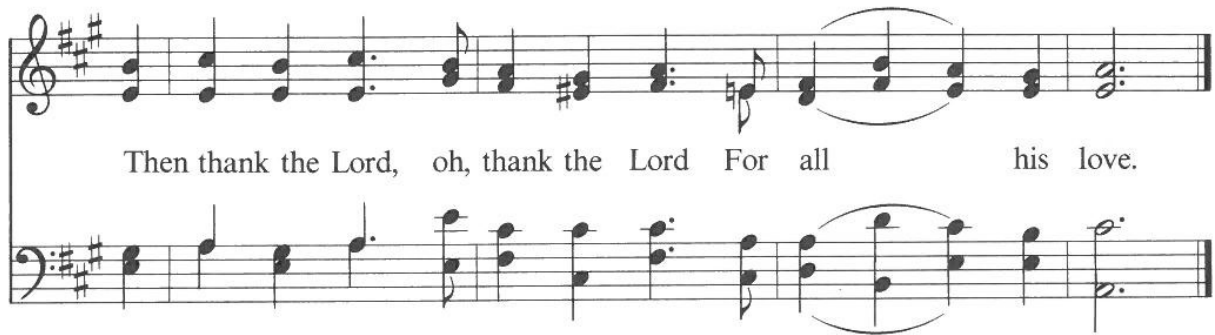
He sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey him; By him the birds are fed.  
 No gifts have we to of - fer For all your love im - parts,

The breez - es and the sun - shine, And soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 Much more to us, his chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.  
 But what you most would trea - sure— Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heav'n a - bove.



Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord For all his love.