

Welcome to Vespers for the **Mondays (and December 19th) in Advent**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this evening are **Psalm 40 found on page 232-3 and Psalm 67 on page 243-4**. The hymn is **#22**.

PSALM 40 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zi | on with singing;
everlasting joy shall be up | on their heads.*

December 19 *You are my helper and | my deliverer;*
do not tarry, | O my God.*

¹ I waited patiently up- | on the LORD;*
he stooped to me and | heard my cry.

² He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and clay;*
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;*
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴ Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!*

They do not resort to evil spirits or turn | to false gods.

⁵ Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
How great your wonders and your | plans for us!*

There is none who can be com- | pared with you.

⁶ Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!*

But they are more than | I can count.

⁷ In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;*
you have given me | ears to hear you;

⁸ burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,*
and so I said, "Be- | hold, I come.

⁹ In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:*

"I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep | in my heart."

¹⁰ I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;*
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O | LORD, you know.

¹¹ Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;*
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great | congregation.

¹² You are the LORD; do not withhold your com- | passion from me;*
let your love and your faithfulness keep me | safe forever,

¹³ For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;
my sins have overtaken me, and I | cannot see;*
they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and | my heart fails me.

¹⁴ Be pleased, O LORD, to de- | liver me;*
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

¹⁵ Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed
who seek after my life | to destroy it;*
let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in | my misfortune.

¹⁶ Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me | be confounded,*
because they | are ashamed.

¹⁷ Let all who seek you rejoice in you | and be glad;*
let those who love your salvation continually say, "Great | is the LORD!"

¹⁸ Though I am poor | and afflicted,*
the Lord will have re- | gard for me.

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Show us the light | of your countenance
and come to | us, O Lord.*

December 19 *Lord, let your ways be known | upon earth,*
your saving health a | mong all nations.*

¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance, and | come to us.

² Let your ways be known | upon earth,*
your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations | upon earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought | forth her increase;*
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.

⁷ May God give | us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

ANTIPHON

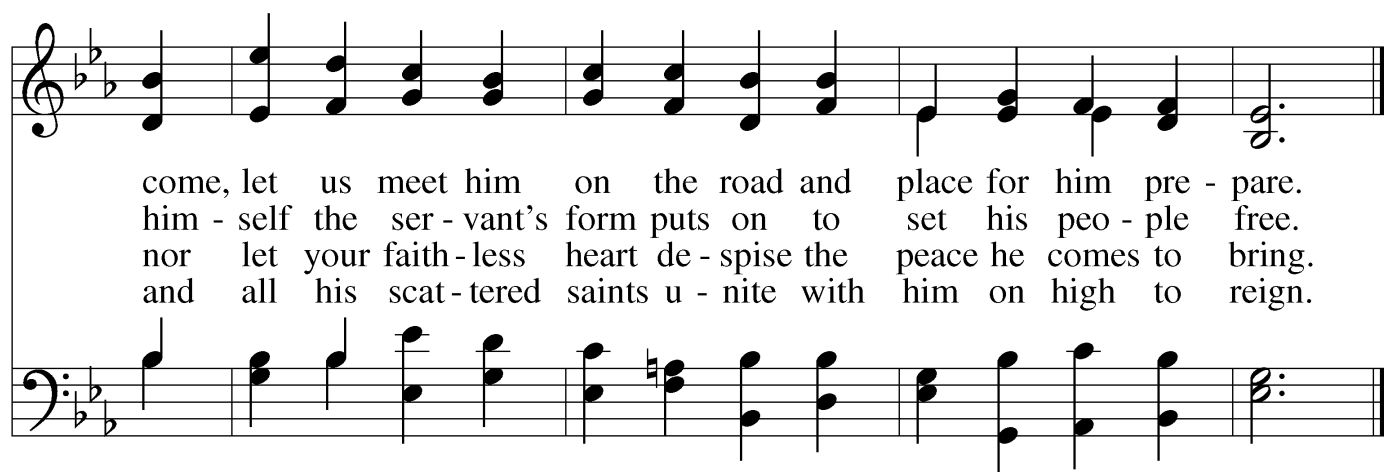
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The Advent of Our God



1 The ad - vent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be,
3 Come, Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise to meet your low - ly king,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain,



come, let us meet him on the road and place for him pre - pare.
him - self the ser - vant's form puts on to set his peo - ple free.
nor let your faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
and all his scat - tered saints u - nite with him on high to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
let sin be put to flight;
no longer let the law hold sway,
but walk in freedom's light.

6 All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
through all eternity.

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