

Welcome to Vespers for the **Mondays of the Season of Easter**. The Service is on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms are **Psalm 124 on p280 and Psalm 115 on p271**. The hymn is **#135**.

PSALM 124 (*The cantor will sing / speak the antiphon. The psalm will be sung / spoken in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

The | snare is broken,
and we have escaped, | alleluia.*

¹If the LORD had not been | on our side,*
let Isra- | el now say;

²if the LORD had not been | on our side,*
when enemies rose | up against us,

³then would they have swallowed us | up alive*
in their fierce | anger toward us;

⁴then would the waters have | overwhelmed us*
and the torrent gone | over us;

⁵then would the | raging waters*
have gone right | over us.

⁶Blessed | be the LORD!*
He has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth.

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;*
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name | of the LORD,*
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

ANTIPHON

The | snare is broken,
and we have escaped, | alleluia.*

PSALM 115 (*The cantor will sing / speak the antiphon. The psalm will be sung / spoken in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*We have been turned from the wor | ship of idols, *
to serve the living God, | alleluia*

¹Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your | name give glory;*
because of your love and because | of your faithfulness.

²Why should the | heathen say,*
“Where then | is their God?”

³Our God | is in heaven;*
whatever he wills to | do he does.

⁴Their idols are sil- | ver and gold,*
the work of | human hands.

⁵They have mouths, but they | cannot speak;*
eyes have they, but they | cannot see;

⁶they have ears but they | cannot hear;*
noses, but they | cannot smell;

⁷they have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they | cannot walk;*
they make no sound | with their throat.

⁸Those who make | them are like them,*
and so are all who put their | trust in them.

⁹O Israel, trust | in the LORD;*
he is their help | and their shield.

¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust | in the LORD;*
he is their help | and their shield.

¹¹You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD;*
he is their help | and their shield.

¹²The LORD has been mindful of us, and | he will bless us;*
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the | house of Aaron;

¹³he will bless those who | fear the LORD,*
both small and | great together.

¹⁴May the LORD increase you | more and more,*
you and your children | after you.

¹⁵May you be blessed | by the LORD,*
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

¹⁶The heaven of heavens | is the LORD's,*
but he entrusted the earth | to its peoples.

¹⁷The dead do not | praise the LORD,*
nor all those who go down | into silence;

¹⁸but we will | bless the LORD,*
from this time forth forevermore. | Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

We have been turned from the wor | ship of idols,
to serve the living God, | alleluia*

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The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!