

Welcome to Vespers for the **Saturdays ( and December 17<sup>th</sup>) 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 80 found on page 252 and Psalm 72 on page 248**. The hymn is **#23**.

**PSALM 80** (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

**ANTIPHON**

Eve of Advent 1    *Stir up your | strength, O Lord,\*  
                      and | come to help us.*

Eve of Advent 2    *Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
                      show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.*

Eve of Advent 3    *Let the mountains break out with joy  
                      and the hills with an | swering gladness\*  
                      for the world's true light comes with pow | er and might.*

December 17        *The treasure of all na | tions shall come\*  
                      his dwelling | shall be glorious.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;\*  
                      shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,\*  
                      stir up your strength and | come to help us.

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
                      show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>O LORD | God of hosts,\*  
                      how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the | bread of tears;\*  
                      you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,\*  
                      and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
                      show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;\*  
you cast out the nations and | planted it.

<sup>9</sup>You prepared the | ground for it;\*  
it took root and | filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered | by its shadow\*  
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea\*  
and its branches | to the river.

<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken | down its wall,\*  
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,\*  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and | tend this vine;\*  
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

<sup>15</sup>They burn it with | fire like rubbish;\*  
at the rebuke of your countenance | let them perish.

<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand,\*  
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn a- | way from you;\*  
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

<sup>18</sup>Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;\*  
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**ANTIPHON**

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                         *shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.*

Eve of Advent 2    *Proclaim the good news among the nations;\**  
                         *our God will come to save us.*

Eve of Advent 3    *I the Lord, am coming to save you; already I am near;\**  
                         *soon I will free you from your sins.*

December 17        *May the Holy One from heaven come down like gentle rain;\**  
                         *may the earth burst into blossom and bear the tender Savior.*

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,\*  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>that he may rule your people righteously\*  
and the poor with justice;

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,\*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>He shall defend the needy among the people;\*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,\*  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,\*  
like showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish;\*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>8</sup>He shall rule from sea to sea,\*  
and from the river to the ends of the earth.

<sup>9</sup>His foes shall bow down before him,\*  
and his enemies lick the dust.

<sup>10</sup>The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,\*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

<sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow | down before him,\*  
and all the nations | do him service.

<sup>12</sup>For he shall deliver the poor who cries out | in distress,\*  
and the oppressed who | has no helper.

<sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the low- | ly and poor;\*  
he shall preserve the lives | of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>He shall redeem their lives from oppres- | sion and violence,\*  
and dear shall their blood be | in his sight.

<sup>15</sup>Long may he live! And may there be given to him gold | from Arabia;\*  
may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all | the day long.

<sup>16</sup>May there be abundance of grain on the earth, growing thick even | on the hilltops;\*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and its grain like grass up- | on the earth.

<sup>17</sup>May his name remain forever and be established as long as the | sun endures;\*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and | call him blessed.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be the Lord GOD, the | God of Israel,\*  
who alone does | wondrous deeds!

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be his glorious | name forever,\*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. A- | men. Amen.

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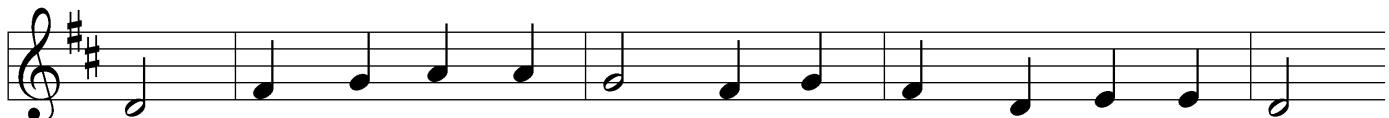
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# O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



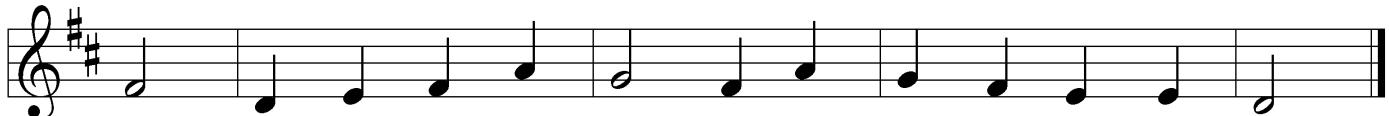
1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?  
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore you green boughs and fair - est palms;  
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.  
4 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
and I, too, will a - dore you with joy - ous songs and psalms.  
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.  
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast  
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er for you with prais-es new  
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high  
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
and from your name shall nev - er with - hold the hon - or due.  
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.  
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.

5 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,  
who sit in deepest gloom,  
who mourn your joys departed  
and tremble at your doom.  
Despair not; he is near you,  
there, standing at the door,  
who best can help and cheer you  
and bids you weep no more.

6 He comes to judge the nations,  
a terror to his foes,  
a light of consolations  
and blessed hope to those  
who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
send forth your beams so cheering  
and guide us safely home.