

Welcome to Vespers for the **Saturdays of the Season of Easter**. The Service is on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms are **Psalm 23 on p225** and **Psalm 114 on p271**. The hymn is **#130** (through the Seventh Sunday of Easter) and hymn **#284** (On the Eve of the Day of Pentecost).

PSALM 23

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

ANTIPHON

Eve of Easter 2

Christ, being raised from the dead, will never | die again,
al | leluiā.*

Eve of Easter 3

The Lord has ris | en indeed,
and he has appeared to Simon, | alleluia.*

Eve of Easter 4

May the peace of Christ fill your | hearts with joy,
al | leluiā.*

Eve of Easter 5

The Lord has risen | from the grave
who hung upon the cross for us, | alleluia.*

Eve of Easter 6

Where, O death, is your | victory?
Where, O death, is your sting? | Alleluia.*

Eve of Easter 7

God raised Jesus | from the dead,
and we are now his witness, | alleluia.*

Eve of the Day of Pentecost

When the days of the Pentecost were drawing | to a close,
they had all gathered together in one place, | alleluia.*

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;*
I shall not | be in want.

²He makes me lie down | in green pastures*
and leads me be- | side still waters.

³He re- | vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

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PSALM 114

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Come, see the place where the | Lord was buried,
al | leluia.*

Eve of Easter 3

Lord, you have broken the chains that | held me bound;
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, | alleluia.*

Eve of Easter 4

By your blood you have ransomed | us for God;
al | leluia.*

Eve of Easter 5

You have led me | forth from prison
that I may give thanks to your Name, | alleluia.*

Eve of Easter 6

If you have been | raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above, | Alleluia.*

Eve of Easter 7

God has rescued us from the pow | er of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, | alleluia.*

Eve of the Day of Pentecost

Tongues as of fire rested on each of | the apostles.
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, | alleluia.*

¹Hallelujah! When Israel came | out of Egypt,*
the house of Jacob from a people | of strange speech,

²Judah became God's | sanctuary*
and Israel | his dominion.

³The sea beheld | it and fled;*
Jordan turned | and went back.

⁴The mountains | skipped like rams,*
and the little hills | like young sheep.

⁵What ailed you, O sea, | that you fled,*
O Jordan, that | you turned back,

⁶you mountains, that you | skipped like rams,*
you little hills | like young sheep?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence | of the Lord,*
at the presence of the | God of Jacob,

⁸who turned the hard rock into a | pool of water*
and flint-stone into a | flowing spring.

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Use this hymn through the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, ye heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, French, 13th cent.

Use this hymn on the Eve of the Day of Pentecost.

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.
might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,
and peace from your own hand bestow;
upheld by you, our strength and guide,
no evil can our steps betide.

6 Oh, make to us the Father known;
teach us the eternal Son to own;
and you, whose name we ever bless,
of both the Spirit, to confess.

7 Praise we the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, with them one;
and may the Son on us bestow
the gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite, alt.
Music: KOMM, GOT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533