

Welcome to Vespers for **Sunday (Week 2)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this evening is **Psalm 113 found on page 270-1**. The hymn is **#463**.

PSALM 113 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

*From the rising of the sun to its | going down.
let the name of the | LORD be praised.*

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;*
raise the name | of the LORD.

²Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,*
from this time forth for- | evermore.

³From the rising of the sun to its | going down*
let the name of the | LORD be praised.

⁴The LORD is high a- | bove all nations,*
and his glory a- | bove the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits en- | throned on high,*
but stoops to behold the heavens | and the earth?

⁶He takes up the weak out | of the dust*
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes.

⁷He sets them | with the princes,*
with the princes | of his people.

⁸He makes the woman of a | childless house*
to be a joyful moth- | er of children.

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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