

Welcome to Vespers for **Sunday (Week 3)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this evening are **Psalm 46 found on page 236-7 and Psalm 93 found on page 259-60**. The hymn is **#428**.

PSALM 46 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

*The LORD of | hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;

³though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.

⁴The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

⁶God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;*
God shall help her at the | break of day.

⁷The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.

⁸The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁹Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.

¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

¹¹“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”

¹²The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

ANTIPHON

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the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.*

PSALM 93 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

You have made us a kingdom of | priests, O Lord,
to | serve out God.*

¹The LORD is king; he has put on splen- | did apparel;*
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded him- | self with strength.

²He has made the whole | world so sure*
that it can- | not be moved;

³ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;*
you are from | everlasting.

⁴The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;*
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁵Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,*
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

⁶Your testimonies are | very sure,*
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.

ANTIPHON

You have made us a kingdom of | priests, O Lord,
to | serve out God.*

O God of Earth and Altar



1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry;
2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of tongue and pen,
3 Tie in a liv - ing teth - er the prince and priest and thrall;



our earth - ly rul - ers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
from all the eas - y speech - es that com - fort cru - el men,
bind all our lives to - geth - er; smite us, and save us all;



the walls of gold en - tomb us; the swords of scorn di - vide.
from sale and pro - fa - na - tion of hon - or, and the sword,
in ire and ex - ul - ta - tion, a - flame with faith, and free,



Take not thy thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
from sleep, and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, good Lord!
lift up a liv - ing na - tion, a sin - gle sword to thee.

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