

Welcome to Vespers for the **Sundays (and December 18th) 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 25 found on page 226 and Psalm 110 on page 269**. The hymn is **#323**.

PSALM 25 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

Eve of Advent 1 *Daughter of Jerusalem, rejoice and be glad; your king | comes to you.*
Zion, do not fear; your Savior hastens | on his way.*

Eve of Advent 2 *Christ our king will | come to us; *
the Lamb of God fore | told by John.*

Eve of Advent 3 *Rejoice, Jerusalem, let your joy | overflow; *
your Savior will | come to you.*

December 18 *The crooked shall be made straight and the rough | ways made smooth.*
Come, O Lord, do | not delay.*

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

²Let none who look to you be | put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

³Show me your | ways, O LORD, *
and teach | me your paths.

⁴Lead me in your | truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, *
for they are from | everlasting.

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁷Gracious and upright | is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

⁸He guides the humble in | doing right *
and teaches his way | to the lowly.

⁹All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

¹⁰For your name's | sake, O LORD,*
forgive my sin, for | it is great.

¹¹Who are they who | fear the LORD?*

He will teach them the way that | they should choose.

¹²They shall dwell | in prosperity,*
and their offspring shall inher- | it the land.

¹³The LORD is a friend to | those who fear him,*
and will show | them his covenant.

¹⁴My eyes are ever looking | to the LORD,*
for he shall pluck my feet out | of the net.

¹⁵Turn to me and have pit- | y on me,*
for I am left alone | and in misery.

¹⁶The sorrows of my heart | have increased,*
bring me out | of my troubles.

¹⁷Look upon my adversit- | y and misery*
and forgive me | all my sin.

¹⁸Look upon my enemies, for | they are many,*
and they bear a violent ha- | tred against me.

¹⁹Protect my life and de- | liver me;*
let me not be put to shame, for I have trust- | ed in you.

²⁰Let integrity and upright- | ness preserve me,*
for my hope has | been in you.

²¹Deliver Isra- | el, O God,*
out of | all his troubles.

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PSALM 110 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

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 will | come to save us.

Eve of Advent 2 *Let us cleanse our hearts that we may welcome | our great king;**
 he is coming and will | not delay.

Eve of Advent 3 *Behold, the Lord shall appear on the | clouds of heaven**
 with power | and great glory.

December 18 *See how | glorious he is,**
 coming forth as Savior | of all peoples.

¹The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit | at my right hand,*
until I make your ene- | mies your footstool.”

²The LORD will send the scepter of your power | out of Zion,*
saying, “Rule over your enemies | round about you.

³Princely state has been yours from the day | of your birth;*
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you, like dew from the womb | of the
morning.”

⁴The LORD has sworn and he will | not recant:*
“You are a priest forever after the order | of Melchizedek.”

⁵The Lord who is at your right hand will smite kings in the day | of his wrath;*
he will rule o- | ver the nations.

⁶He will heap | high the corpses;*
he will smash heads over | the wide earth.

⁷He will drink from the brook be- | side the road;*
therefore he will lift | high his head.

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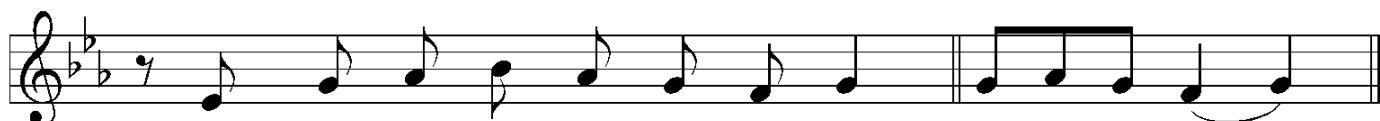
O Lord of Light, Who Made the Stars



1 O Lord of light, who made the stars, O Dawn, by whom we
2 In low - li - ness you came on earth to res - cue us from
3 To pay the debt we owed for sin your pain - ful cross was
4 But now you reign, the King of kings, a - dored in high - est



see the way, O Christ, re - deem - er of the world:
Sa - tan's snares; oh, won - drous love that healed our wounds
made the price; from bless - ed Mar - y's womb you came,
maj - es - ty; your ver - y name is held in awe



come now and lis - ten as we pray!
by tak - ing on our mor - tal cares!
a vic - tim pure for sac - ri - fice.
from pole to pole and sea to sea! A - men

5 Great judge of all, on earth's last day
have pity on your children's plight;
rise up to shield us with your grace;
deliver us from Satan's might.

6 To God the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen

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