

Welcome to Vespers for the **Sundays (and December 18<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 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.*

<sup>1</sup>To 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.

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

<sup>3</sup>Show me your | ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach | me your paths.

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

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, \*  
for they are from | everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>Remember 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.

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright | is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in | doing right \*  
and teaches his way | to the lowly.

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

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

<sup>11</sup>Who are they who | fear the LORD?\*

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

<sup>12</sup>They shall dwell | in prosperity,\*  
and their offspring shall inher- | it the land.

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

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

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

<sup>16</sup>The sorrows of my heart | have increased,\*  
bring me out | of my troubles.

<sup>17</sup>Look upon my adversit- | y and misery\*  
and forgive me | all my sin.

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

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

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

<sup>21</sup>Deliver Isra- | el, O God,\*  
out of | all his troubles.

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## ANTIPHON

- Eve of Advent 1    *The Lord, our | king and lawgiver,\*  
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.*

# 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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