

Welcome to Vespers for **The Purification of the Virgin Mary and The Presentation of Our Lord**. The Service for Vespers is on p154-160 in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The Psalms for this evening are **Psalm 24 on page 225-6 and Psalm 84 on page 253-4**. The hymn tonight is in **Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) #417**.

PSALM 24 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Stand up and | raise your heads,
because your redemption is | drawing near.*

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,*
the world and all who | dwell therein.

² For it is he who founded it up- | on the seas*
and made it firm upon the rivers | of the deep.

³ "Who can ascend the hill | of the LORD*
and who can stand in his | holy place?"

⁴ "Those who have clean hands and | a pure heart,*
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what | is a fraud.

⁵ They shall receive a blessing | from the LORD*
and a just reward from the God of | their salvation."

⁶ Such is the generation of | those who seek him,*
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;*
and the King of glory | shall come in.

⁸ "Who is this | King of glory?"*
"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle."

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;*
and the King of glory | shall come in.

¹⁰ "Who is he, this | King of glory?"*
"The LORD of hosts, he is the | King of glory."

ANTIPHON

Stand up and | raise your heads,
because your redemption is | drawing near.*

Lord God, ruler and guide of heaven and earth, you made your Son a priest and brought him into your everlasting temple. Open our hearts that the King of glory may enter, and bring us rejoicing to your holy mountain, where you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

PSALM 84 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

- ¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O | LORD of hosts!*
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.
- ² The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young,*
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.
- ³ Happy are they who dwell | in your house!*
They will always be | praising you.
- ⁴ Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,*
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.
- ⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a | place of springs,*
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.
- ⁶ They will climb from | height to height,*
and the God of gods will reveal him- | self in Zion.
- ⁷ LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
hearken, O | God of Jacob.
- ⁸ Behold our defend- | er, O God;*
and look upon the face of | your anointed.
- ⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in | my own room,*
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God

than to dwell in the tents | of the wicked.

¹⁰ For the LORD God is both | sun and shield;*
he will give | grace and glory;

¹¹ no good thing will the | LORD withhold*
from those who walk | with integrity.

¹² O | LORD of hosts,*
happy are they who put their | trust in you!

ANTIPHON

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

Almighty God, you heard the prayer of Christ, your chosen one, and raised him to the lasting joy of your presence. Help us in our pilgrimage toward you to love your Church and to offer the sacrifice of praise at your altar, that we may hasten to your home and joyfully look upon your glorious splendor, which we have seen in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

In His Temple Now Behold Him



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

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