

Welcome to Vespers for **Thursdays in the Season of Lent**. The Service for Vespers is on p141-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The Psalms are **Psalm 125 on page 280** and **Psalm 102 on page 263-4**. The hymn is **#102**.

PSALM 125 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

The LORD stand round about his people.

¹Those who trust in the LORD are | like Mount Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but stands | fast forever.

²The hills stand a- | bout Jerusalem;*
so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for- | evermore.

³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted | to the just,*
so that the just shall not put their | hands to evil.

⁴Show your goodness, O LORD, to those | who are good*
and to those who are | true of heart.

⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the | evildoers;*
but peace be | upon Israel.

ANTIPHON

The LORD stand round about his people.

PSALM 102 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

My days pass away like a shadow and I wither | like the grass;
but you, O LORD, en- | dure forever.*

¹LORD, hear my prayer, and let my cry | come before you;*
hide not your face from me in the day | of my trouble.

- ²Incline your | ear to me;*
when I call, make haste to | answer me,
- ³for my days drift a- | way like smoke,*
and my bones are hot as | burning coals.
- ⁴My heart is smitten like | grass and withered,*
so that I forget to | eat my bread.
- ⁵Because of the voice | of my groaning*
I am but | skin and bones.
- ⁶I have become like a vulture | in the wilderness,*
like an owl a- | mong the ruins.
- ⁷I lie a- | wake and groan;*
I am like a sparrow, lonely | on a housetop.
- ⁸My enemies revile me | all day long,*
and those who scoff at me have taken an | oath against me.
- ⁹For I have eaten ash- | es for bread*
and mingled my | drink with weeping.
- ¹⁰Because of your indigna- | tion and wrath*
you have lifted me up and thrown | me away.
- ¹¹My days pass away | like a shadow,*
and I wither | like the grass.
- ¹²But you, O LORD, en- | dure forever,*
and your name from | age to age.
- ¹³You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have mer- | cy upon her;*
indeed, the appointed | time has come.
- ¹⁴For your servants love her | very rubble,*
and are moved to pity even | for her dust.
- ¹⁵The nations shall fear your | name, O LORD,*
and all the kings of the | earth your glory.
- ¹⁶For the LORD will | build up Zion,*
and his glory | will appear.
- ¹⁷He will look with favor on the prayer | of the homeless;*
he will not de- | spise their plea.

- ¹⁸Let this be written for a future | generation,*
so that a people yet unborn may | praise the LORD.
- ¹⁹For the LORD looked down from his holy | place on high;*
from the heavens he be- | held the earth;
- ²⁰that he might hear the groan | of the captive*
and set free those con- | demned to die;
- ²¹that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD,*
and his praise | in Jerusalem;
- ²²when the peoples are gath- | ered together,*
and the kingdoms also, to | serve the LORD.
- ²³He has brought down my strength | before my time;*
he has shortened the number | of my days;
- ²⁴and I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst | of my days;”
your years endure throughout all | generations.
- ²⁵In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations | of the earth,*
and the heavens are the work | of your hands.
- ²⁶They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out | like a garment;*
as clothing you will change them, and they | shall be changed;
- ²⁷but you are al- | ways the same,*
and your years will | never end.
- ²⁸The children of your servants | shall continue,*
and their offspring shall stand fast | in your sight.”

ANTIPHON

*My days pass away like a shadow and I wither | like the grass;**
but you, O LORD, en- | dure forever.

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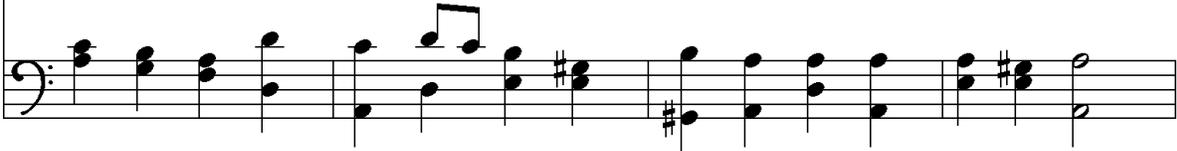
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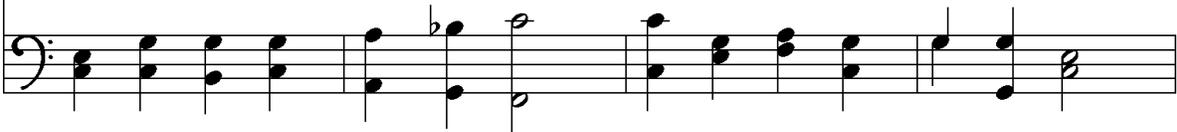
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