

Welcome to Vespers for the **Tuesdays of the Season of Easter**. The Service is on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms are **Psalm 66 on p243** and **Psalm 116 on p272**. The hymn is **#133**.

**PSALM 66**      *(The cantor will sing / speak the antiphon. The psalm will be sung / spoken in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

*Bless our God, who holds our | souls in life,\*  
al | leluia.*

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, | all you lands;\*  
sing the glory of his name; sing the glory | of his praise.

<sup>2</sup>Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!\*  
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

<sup>3</sup>All the earth bows | down before you,\*  
sings to you, sings | out your name.”

<sup>4</sup>Come now and see the | works of God,\*  
how wonderful he is in his doing | toward all people.

<sup>5</sup>He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wat- | er on foot,\*  
and there we re- | joiced in him.

<sup>6</sup>In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch o- | ver the nations;\*  
let no rebel rise | up against him.

<sup>7</sup>Bless our | God, you peoples;\*  
make the voice of his praise | to be heard,

<sup>8</sup>who holds our | souls in life,\*  
and will not allow our | feet to slip.

<sup>9</sup>For you, O | God, have proved us;\*  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>10</sup>You brought us in- | to the snare;\*  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

<sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,\*  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup>I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay | you my vows,\*  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

<sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;\*  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.

<sup>14</sup>Come and listen, all you | who fear God,\*  
and I will tell you what he has | done for me.

<sup>15</sup>I called out to him | with my mouth,\*  
and his praise was | on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup>If I had found evil | in my heart,\*  
the Lord would | not have heard me;

<sup>17</sup>but in truth | God has heard me;\*  
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,\*  
nor withheld his | love from me.

#### ANTIPHON

*Bless our God, who holds our | souls in life,\*  
al | leluia.*

**PSALM 116**      (*The cantor will sing / speak the antiphon. The psalm will be sung / spoken in unison.*)

#### ANTIPHON

*You have freed me from my | bonds, O Lord,\*  
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, | alleluia.*

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,\*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

<sup>2</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me;\*  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:\*  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

<sup>4</sup>Gracious is the | LORD and righteous,\*  
our God is full | of compassion.

- <sup>5</sup>The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;\*  
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.
- <sup>6</sup>Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.\*  
for the LORD has treat- | ed you well.
- <sup>7</sup>For you have rescued my | life from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.
- <sup>8</sup>I will walk in the presence | of the LORD\*  
in the land | of the living.
- <sup>9</sup>I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought | very low.”\*  
In my distress I said, “No one | can be trusted.”
- <sup>10</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD\*  
for all the good things he has | done for me?
- <sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup | of salvation\*  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of | all his people.
- <sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his servants.
- <sup>14</sup>O LORD, I | am your servant;\*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.
- <sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving\*  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.
- <sup>16</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of | all his people,
- <sup>17</sup>in the courts of | the LORD’s house,\*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

## ANTIPHON

*You have freed me from my | bonds, O Lord,\*  
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, | alleluia.*

# Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap - pall me;  
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne there a - bove all things is giv - en.  
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died, hence will I, to Je - sus liv - ing,  
4 Je - sus lives! And I am sure, nei - ther life nor death shall sev - er  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death but the gate of life im - mor - tal;



Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ re - call me.  
I shall go where he is gone, live and reign with him in heav - en.  
pure in heart and act a - bide, praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing.  
me from him. I shall en - dure in his love, through death, for - ev - er.  
this shall calm my trem - bling breath when I pass its gloom - y por - tal.



Bright - er scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
All I need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
God will be my sure de - fense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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