

Welcome to Vespers for **Wednesday (Week 2)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this evening is **Psalm 48 found on page 237**. The hymn is **#542**.

PSALM 48 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Great is the LORD, and highly | to be praised;
in the city of our God is his | holy hill.*

¹Great is the LORD, and highly | to be praised;*
in the city of our God is his | holy hill.

²Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the | hill of Zion,*
the very center of the world and the city of | the great king.

³God is in her citadels;*
he is known to be | her sure refuge.

⁴Behold, the kings of the | earth assembled*
and marched for- | ward together.

⁵They looked and | were astounded;*
they retreated and | fled in terror.

⁶Trembling | seized them there;*
they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the | east wind
shatters them.

⁷As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city | of our God;*
God has established | her forever.

⁸We have waited in silence on your lovingkind- | ness, O God,*
in the midst | of your temple.

⁹Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches | to the world's end;*
your right hand is | full of justice.

¹⁰Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,*
because | of your judgments.

¹¹Make the circuit of Zion; walk | round about her;*
count the number | of her towers.

¹²Consider well her bulwarks; exam- | ine her strongholds;*
that you may tell those | who come after.

¹³This God is our God forev- | er and ever;*
he shall be our guide for- | evermore.

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Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy he is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and



a - tion, the God of love who un - der - stood our need for
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, his eye is
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
glo - ry. Let all who know his pow'r pro - claim a - loud the



his sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls he fills
nev - er sleep - ing; with - in the king - dom of his might
peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord
won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne,



and ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
all things are just and good and right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
who is by one and all a - dored:
for God is God, and he a - lone:

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, c. 1560–1615

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