

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.*

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

<sup>2</sup>Beautiful 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.

<sup>3</sup>God is in her citadels;\*  
he is known to be | her sure refuge.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, the kings of the | earth assembled\*  
and marched for- | ward together.

<sup>5</sup>They looked and | were astounded;\*  
they retreated and | fled in terror.

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

<sup>7</sup>As 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.

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

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

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

<sup>11</sup>Make the circuit of Zion; walk | round about her;\*  
count the number | of her towers.

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

<sup>13</sup>This 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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