

Welcome to Vespers for **Wednesday (Week 4)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this evening are **Psalm 132 found on page 281-2 and Psalm 134 found on page 282**. The hymn is **#300**.

PSALM 132 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

*For the LORD has | chosen Zion;**
he has desired her for his | habitation.

¹LORD, re- | member David,*
and all the hardships | he endured;

²how he swore an oath | to the LORD*
and vowed a vow to the Mighty | One of Jacob:

³“I will not come under the roof | of my house,*
nor climb up in- | to my bed;

⁴I will not allow my | eyes to sleep,*
nor let my | eyelids slumber;

⁵until I find a place | for the LORD,*
a dwelling for the Mighty | One of Jacob.”

⁶“The ark! We heard it | was in Ephratah;*
we found it in the | fields of Jearim.

⁷Let us go to God’s | dwelling-place;*
let us fall upon our knees be- | fore his footstool.”

⁸Arise, O LORD, into your | resting-place,*
you and the ark | of your strength.

⁹Let your priests be | clothed with righteousness;*
let your faithful people | sing with joy.

¹⁰For your servant | David’s sake,*
do not turn away the face of | your anointed.

¹¹The LORD has sworn an | oath to David;*
in truth, he | will not break it:

¹²“A son, the fruit | of your body*
will I set up- | on your throne.

¹³If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that | I shall teach them,*
their children will sit upon your throne for- | evermore.”

¹⁴For the LORD has | chosen Zion;*
he has desired her for his | habitation:

¹⁵“This shall be my resting- | place forever;*
here will I dwell, for I de- | light in her.

¹⁶I will surely bless | her provisions,*
and satisfy her | poor with bread.

¹⁷I will clothe her priests | with salvation,*
and her faithful people will re- | joice and sing.

¹⁸There will I make the horn of | David flourish;*
I have prepared a lamp for | my anointed.

¹⁹As for his enemies, I will clothe | them with shame;*
but as for him, his | crown will shine.”

ANTIPHON

For the LORD has | chosen Zion;
he has desired her for his | habitation.*

PSALM 134 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*Praise out God, all | you his servants, **
and all who fear him, | small and great.

¹Behold now! Bless the LORD, all you servants | of the LORD,*
you that stand by night in the house | of the LORD.

²Lift up your hands in the holy place and | bless the LORD;*
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you | out of Zion.

ANTIPHON

*Praise out God, all | you his servants, **
and all who fear him, | small and great.

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O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's might - y
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den of our
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som has been
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us of our



Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
paid; you now as - cend the Fa - ther's throne in
pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pur - i - fied, by mer - cy pur - i - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
our future great reward;
our only glory, may it be
to glory in the Lord!

6 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
through all eternity!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561