



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND VESPERS IN ADVENT

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VESPERS

WELCOME:

“I have loved God, who is the highest of objects to be desired, and I have received with joy sufferings for his sake. For I did not endure the contests contrary to my will or by force or constraint. But I accepted the sufferings with love and affections, so that I was able to say *‘Because for your sake we are killed all the day long.’* And these words have equal weight with the words of the apostle, to be spoken with the same feeling: *‘Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger or the sword?’* Therefore, I have loved all these things.”

—St. Basil the Great, *Homilies on the Psalms*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN

O Sing of Christ

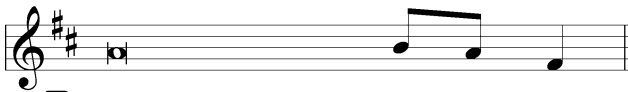
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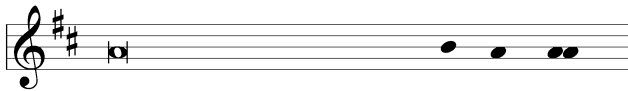
OPENING VERSICLES



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

PSALM: DILEXI QUONIAM

Psalm 116



I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

The LORD preserves the | simple;*
when I was brought low, he | saved me.

Return, O my soul, | to your rest;*
for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.

For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling;

I will walk be- | fore the LORD*
in the land of the | living.

I believed, even | when I spoke,*

“I am greatly af- | flicted”;

I said in | my alarm,*

“All mankind are | liars.”

What shall I render | to the LORD*

for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*

and call on the name | of the LORD,

I will pay my vows | to the LORD*

in the presence of all his | people.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*

is the death | of his saints.

O LORD, I am your | servant;*

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*

and call on the name | of the LORD.

I will pay my vows | to the LORD*

in the presence of all his | people,

in the courts of the house | of the LORD,*

in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

1 John 4:7-21

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:34-40

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver ✠ us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

COLLECTS



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

L Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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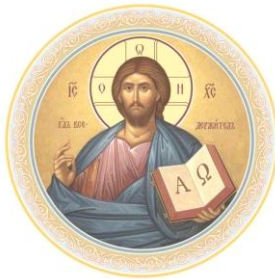
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