



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST VESPERS IN ADVENT

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WELCOME:

"The words of the Psalm come from someone deploring and censuring folly. Despite their conspiring together and hatching a tawdry plot for the murder of the Lord, their schemes all came to nothing, as they were unable to consign to oblivion the one crucified by them: on the third day he rose again and took possession of the world."

—Theodoret of Cyr, *Commentary on the Psalms*

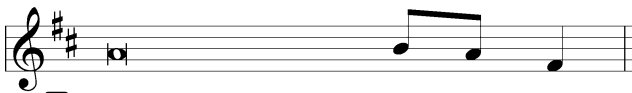
PRESERVICE MUSIC

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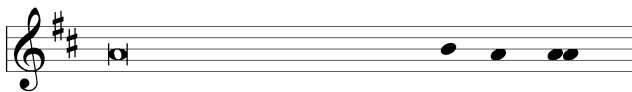
OPENING VERSICLES



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.



C 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: QUARE FREMUERUNT GENTES

Psalm 2



Why do the | nations rage*
and the peoples | plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,*
against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,**

“Let us burst their | bonds apart*
and cast away their | cords from us.”

**He who sits in the | heavens laughs;*
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.**

Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,*
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,

“As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.”

I will tell of | the decree:*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**

You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”

**Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**

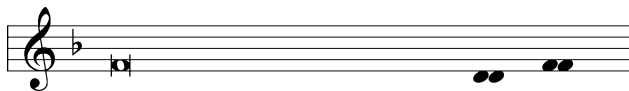
Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.

**Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly |
kindled.***

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:45-55



I Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



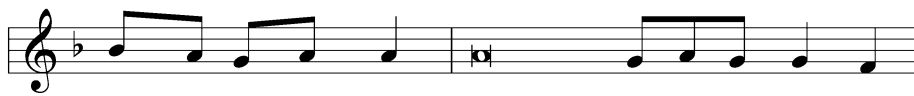
II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



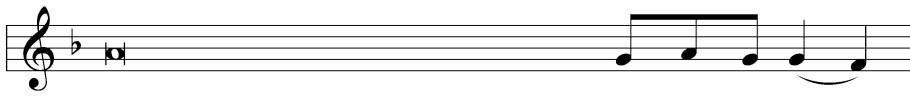
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



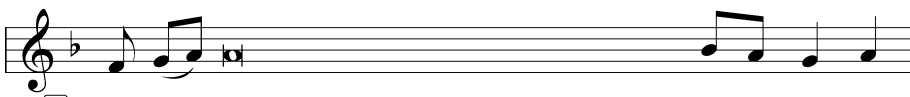
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



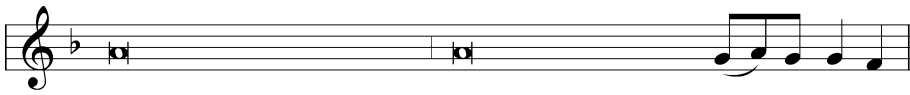
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



III Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



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

LITANY

Mark 10:47



IV Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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 Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father 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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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