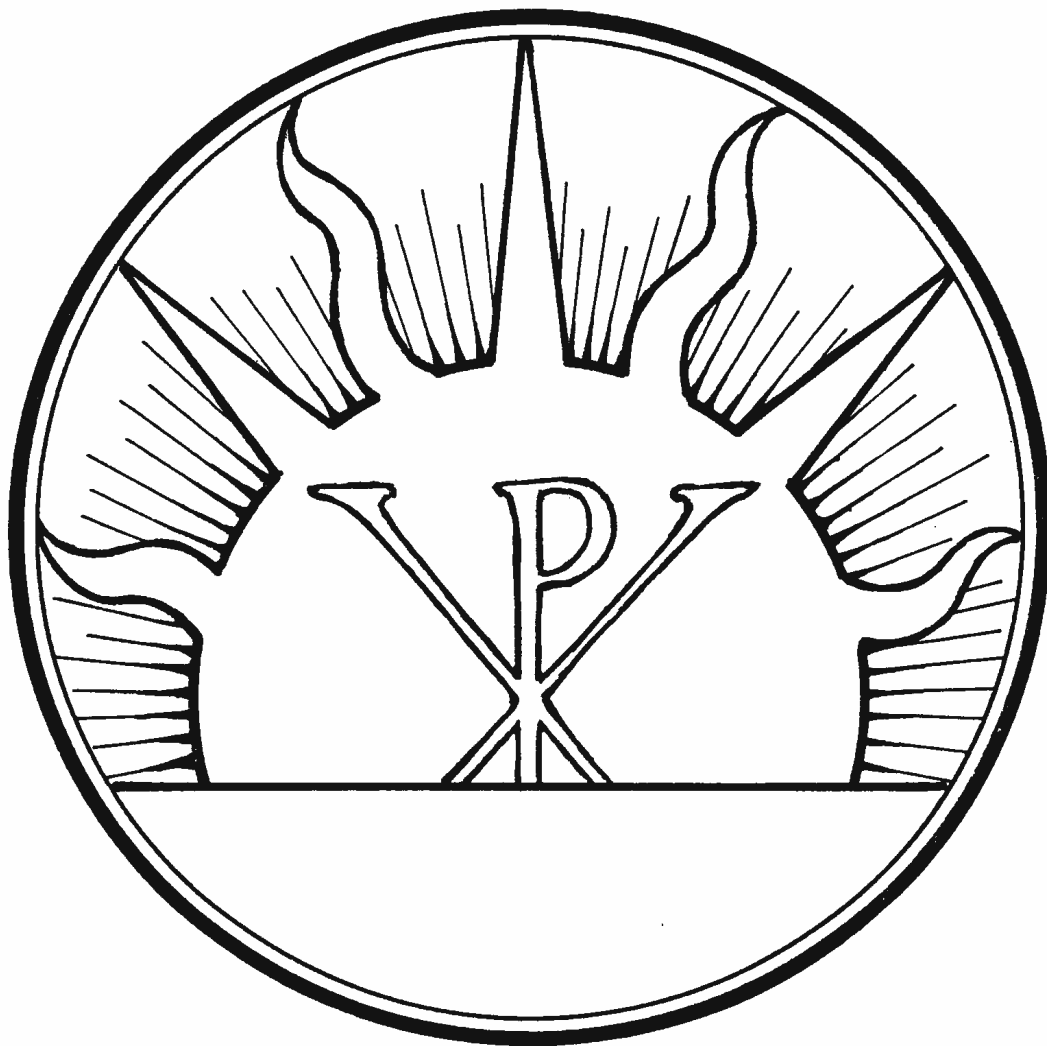


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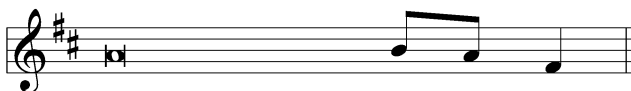
# The Order of Vespers

## Opening Versicles

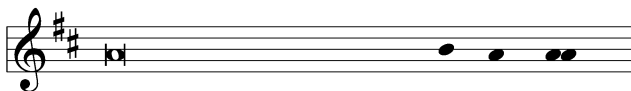
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**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.



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

## Psalmody

### Psalms 111

*antiphon: vs. 9*

(The Lord) sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!

**Praise the LORD!**

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.**

He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;**

they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.**

**Holy and awesome is his name!**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

(The Lord) sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!

## Readings

### First reading

*Isaiah 42:1–9*

- A** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Second reading

*Luke 2:22–35*

- A** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

# Responsory (Advent)

LSB 230



- L** 1 Behold, the days  
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise  
up for David a righteous Branch.  
2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will  
dwell securely.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



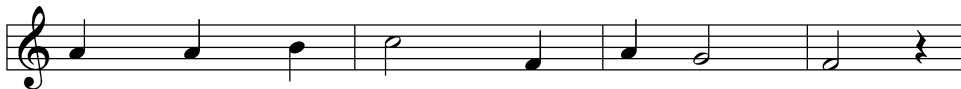
**C** This is the name  
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

# 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

*Hymn of the Day*



- 1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;  
2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;  
3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;  
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;  
As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.  
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;  
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:  
Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,  
O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,  
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?  
O Sun, arise; without Your light  
We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;  
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
O come, lead us with mighty hand  
From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring  
And sing to You, our Savior King;  
There shall we laud You and adore  
Forever and forevermore.

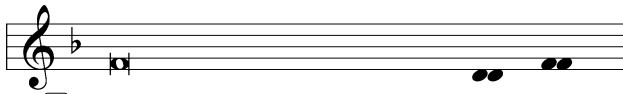
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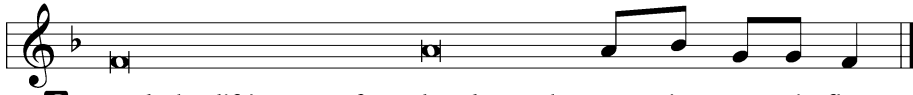
## Sermon

*Nunc Dimittis: Song of Salvation*

## Canticle



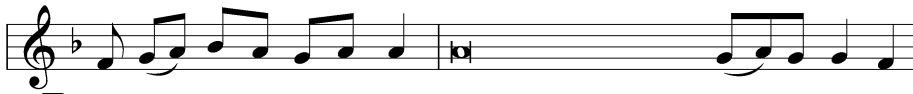
**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



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

## Magnificat

*LSB 231*



**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;



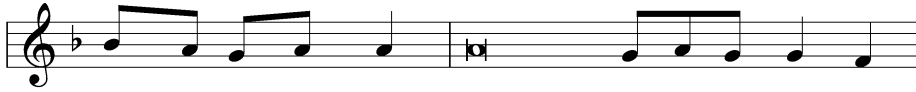
II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen-er-a-tion.



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



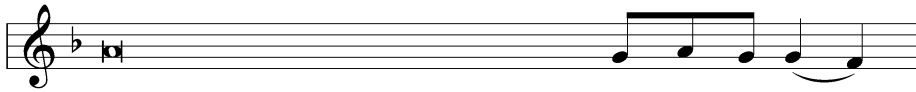
imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



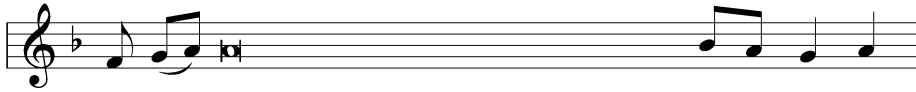
might-y from their thrones and has ex-alt-ed the low-ly.



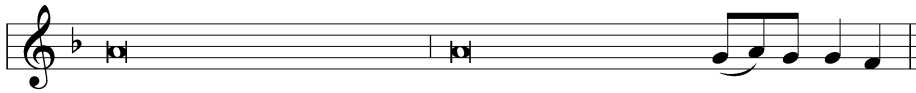
I He has filled the hun-gry with good things,



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.



**C** 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.

## Prayer

### Kyrie

*LSB 233*



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Collect of the Day

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Additional Collect

- P** God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, be with Your servants who make art and music for Your people that with joy we on earth may glimpse Your beauty. Bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection that will be ours as we stand before Your unveiled glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



## Collect for Peace

LSB 233

- 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus

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## Benediction

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# 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

*Closing Hymn*



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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