

### Prayers before Any Office

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open, O Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, foolish, wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; enkindle my affections that I may say this office with attention and devotion and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy divine majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Prayers after Any Office

Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Collect for Populus Sion

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine Only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

### Collect for Advent

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

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Midweek Advent Vespers  
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*“And the angel said unto her, ‘Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name JESUS.’”*

*St. Luke 1:30-31*

## The Office of Vespers

### The Ringing of the Bell

#### Silent Prayer

**The Hymn** "Awake! Sons of the Kingdom" INSERT

*Stand*

**The Opening Versicles** ASBH2 p. 27

**The Gloria Patri** (*Omit Hallelujah*) ASBH2 p. 27-28

**The Psalmody** Psalm 91 INSERT

*Sit*

**The Lection** Romans 2:1-16

St. Luke 1:26-35

**The Response** (*After each reading*) ASBH2 p. 28

*Stand*

**The Responsory** ASBH2 p. 29-30

*Sit*

**The Hymn** "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" ASBH 65

**The Sermon** *The Most High Shall Overshadow Thee*

*An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.*

*Stand*

**The Office Hymn** "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" ASBH 2

**The Versicle** ASBH2 p. 30

**The Canticle** "The Magnificat" ASBH2 p. 31

**The Litany** (*All may kneel*) ASBH2 p. 44-46

**The Collect for Populus Sion** ASBH p. 46

**The Collect for Advent** ASBH p. 45

**Other Collects** (*if necessary*)

**The Collect for Peace** ASBH2 p. 35

**The Litany Collect** (*Collect #3*) ASBH2 p. 47

**The Benedicamus** ASBH2 p. 36

**The Benediction** ASBH2 p. 36

#### Silent Prayer

### The Recitation of the Catechism

The Apostles' Creed (pages 13-15) & Questions 339-342 (Part VI. The Sacrament of the Altar, Of Power of the Lord's Supper, pages 146-147).

### Announcements

*ASBH2=The Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2023 Prayer Office Supplement.*

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.*

*TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal*

## Romans 2:1-16

<sup>1</sup>Wherefore thou art without excuse, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest dost practise the same things.

<sup>2</sup>And we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against them that practise such things. <sup>3</sup>And reckonest thou this, O man, who judgest them that practise such things,

and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup>Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

<sup>5</sup>but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; <sup>6</sup>who will render to every man according to his works: <sup>7</sup>to them that by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and incorruption, eternal life: <sup>8</sup>but unto them that are factious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, shall be wrath and indignation, <sup>9</sup>tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that worketh evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Greek; <sup>10</sup>but glory and honor and peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek: <sup>11</sup>for there is no respect of persons with God. <sup>12</sup>For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without the law: and as many as have sinned under the law shall be judged by the law; <sup>13</sup>for not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified: <sup>14</sup>(for when Gentiles that have not the law do by nature the things of the law,

these, not having the law, are the law unto themselves; <sup>15</sup>in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing them); <sup>16</sup>in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ.

## St. Luke 1:26-35

<sup>26</sup>Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came in unto her, and said, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee." <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said unto her, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup>He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: <sup>33</sup>and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end." <sup>34</sup>And Mary said unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered and said unto her, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: wherefore also the holy thing which is begotten shall be called the Son of God."

## ##. Awake! Sons of the Kingdom

Johann Rist, 1651.  
Tr. Composite, 1880

Aus meines Herzens Grunde  
Eisleben G. B., 1598

1. A - wake! sons of the king - dom,  
2. Look up! ye droop - ing mourn - ers,  
3. A - rise! ye much af - flict - ed,  
4. Up, up! ye faint and fear - ful,  
5. Haste then, with ea - ger foot - steps,

The King is draw - ing nigh; A - rise, and hail  
The King is ver - y near; A way with grief  
Your King is not a - far; Re - joice, ye long  
The King now comes with might; His heart hath long  
To see your Sov - ereign; there He rides as King

with glad - ness The Ru - ler from on high.  
and sor - row, For lo! our Help is here.  
de - ject - ed, Here comes the Morn - ing Star.  
since loved us, And makes our dark - ness light.  
of Zi - on, Strong, glo - rious, meek, and fair.

Ye Chris - tians, sound the peal! Your praise and hom -  
Be - hold, in ho - ly place— O bless - ed con -  
The Lord is with us now; Though trou - bles here  
Now are our sor - rows o'er; No wrath shall e'er  
Draw near the Lord, and give Him your heart's sal -

age bring Him, And loud ho - san - nas sing Him  
so - la - tion!— We find Him, our Sal - va - tion,  
dis - tress you, With com - fort He will bless you;  
be - fail us, Since God in grace doth call us  
u - ta - tion, Who bring - eth great sal - va - tion,

With ho - ly fes - tive zeal.  
In His pure means of grace.  
E'en death to Him shall  
His chil - dren ev - er - more.  
And bids the sin - ner live. A - men.

6. Our Sovereign still remembers  
His loved ones here below  
With gifts of royal treasures,  
Yea, doth Himself bestow  
Through His blest Word and grace;  
O King, arrayed in splendor,  
To Thee all praise we render,  
Here, and there face to face.

7. Lord, how Thou dost enrich us!  
Thyself made poor and weak;  
O Love beyond expression,  
That can thus sinners seek!  
What can we do for Thee?  
We will love's tribute bring Thee,  
And glad hosannas sing Thee,  
And ever grateful be.

## Psalm 91

Psalm Tone VI

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*Antiphon* HE **THAT** || dwelleth in the secret place of | the | Most | High \*  
Shall abide under the shadow of | the | **Al-** | might- | y.

2 || I will say of the LORD, “He is my Refuge and | my | For- | tress: \*  
My God; in | Him | **will** | I | trust.”

3 || Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of | the | fowl- | er, \*  
And from the noi- | some | **pes-** | ti- | lence.

4 || He shall cover thee with His feath -ers, (+) and under His wings |  
shalt | thou | trust: \*

His truth shall be thy | shield | **and** | buck- | ler.

5 || Thou shalt not be afraid for the ter- | ror | by | night; \*  
Nor for the arrow that | fli- | **eth** | by | day;

6 || Nor for the pestilence that walketh | in | dark- | ness; \*  
Nor for the destruction that wast- | eth | **at** | noon- | day.

7 || A thousand shall fall at thy *side*, (+) and ten thousand at | thy | right  
| hand; \*

But it shall | not | **come** | nigh | thee.

8 || Only with thine eyes shalt | thou | be- | hold \*  
And see the reward | of | **the** | wick- | ed.

9 || Because thou hast made the LORD, which is | my | Re- | fuge, \*  
Even the Most High, thy | ha- | **bi-** | ta- | tion;

10 || There shall no evil | be- | fall | thee, \*  
Neither shall any plague come | nigh | **thy** | dwell- | ing.

11 || For He shall give His angels charge | o- | ver | thee, \*  
To keep thee | in | **all** | thy | ways.

12 || They shall bear thee up | in | their | hands, \*  
Lest thou dash thy foot | a- | **gainst** | a | stone.

13 || Thou shalt tread upon the lion | and | ad- | der: \*  
The young lion and the dragon shalt thou tram- | ple | **un-** | der  
| feet.

14 || “Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I de- | liv- |  
er | him: \*

I will set him on high, because he | hath | **known** | My | Name.

15 || He shall call upon Me, and I will | an- | swer | him: \*

I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, | and | **hon-** |

or | him.

16 || With long life will I sat- | is- | fy | him, \*  
And show him | My | **sal-** | va- | tion.”

GLO- **RY** || be to the Father, and | to | the | Son: \*  
And to | the | **Ho-** | ly | Ghost;

AS **IT** || was in the begin -ning, (+) is now, and ev- | er | shall | be: \*  
World with- | out | **end.** | A- | men.

*Antiphon* || He that dwelleth in the secret place of | the | Most | High \*  
Shall abide under the shadow of | the | **Al-** | might- | y.