

Wednesday of Jubilate

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THE OFFICE OF VESPERS



PSALM 124 (antiphon: v. 8)

- Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- If it had not been the LORD who was on our side," let Israel now say –
- **C** "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us,
- then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled against us;
- C then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul;
- then the swollen waters would have gone over our soul."
- C Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
- Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- C Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- **C** 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.
- Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

OFFICE HYMN "Praise to You and Adoration," 69.
1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus, 2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in
Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with
share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,
From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your
joy ex - ceed - ing life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo (1634-1703); tr. Kristen Kvamme (1866-1938), st. 1; tr. *Christian Worship*, 1993, st. 2 Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

READINGS

FIRST READING

1 John 2:1-8

Beloved: These things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

- **P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 3:25-36

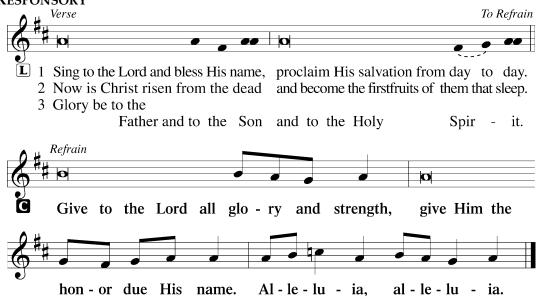
At that time, there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified – behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"

John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease. He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.





SERMON

CANTICLE







Almighty God, who shows to those in error the light of Your truth to the intent that they may return to the way of righteousness, grant unto all those that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



▶ Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.



P 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.



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