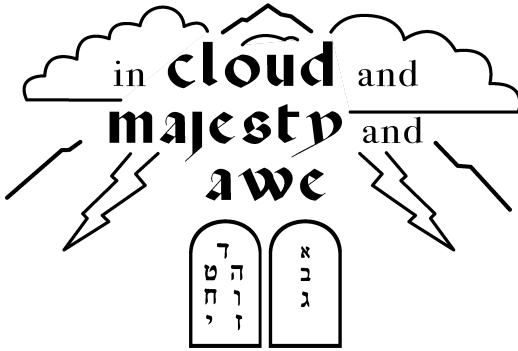


# ADVENT VESPERS



CHRIST IN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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### SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS EVENING

Vespers is a Daily *Office*, different from a Divine *Service*. There is no communion, and the parts of the liturgy focus on the workings of God during particular hours of the day rather than seasons of the year.

It has been customary in the church for over a thousand years to use Vespers services, particularly in Advent and Lent, as times of Catechesis and prayer. In the Lutheran Church, then it is good and right to meditate on parts of the Catechism during these seasons. This year, we will look at the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20.

### SERVING TODAY

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HYMN

God of God, Light of Light | 133 v. 2

VERSICLES

PSALM HYMN (Psalm 25)

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star | 167 vv. 4-6

*Psalm 25:5-6*

*<sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation;  
On You I wait all the day.*


*<sup>6</sup> Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,  
For they are from of old.*

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-8a, 11-14

<sup>3:1</sup> Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" Moses said, "I am here." <sup>5</sup>The Lord said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them...

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>So he said, "I WILL certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, "I AM who I AM." He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

**P**  O Lord, have mercy upon us.




**C**  Thanks be to You, O Lord!

## SECOND LESSON

**Exodus 20:1-2**

<sup>20:1</sup> Then God spoke all these words: <sup>21</sup>I AM the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

**P**  O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C**  Thanks be to You, O Lord!

## GOSPEL

**John 7:11-19; 8:12**


<sup>11</sup>At the festival [of tabernacles], the Jews kept looking for him. They asked, “Where is he?” <sup>12</sup>And there was widespread whispering about him in the crowds. Some were saying, “He’s a good man.” Others were saying, “No, he deceives the people.” <sup>13</sup>Yet no one spoke openly about him for fear of the Jews.

<sup>14</sup>When the festival was already half over, Jesus went up to the temple courts and began to teach. <sup>15</sup>The Jews were amazed and asked, “How does this man know what is written without being instructed?”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but it comes from him who sent me. <sup>17</sup>If anyone wants to do his will, he will know whether my teaching is from God or if I speak on my own. <sup>18</sup>The one who speaks on his own is seeking his own glory. But he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him—that is the one who is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him. <sup>19</sup>Didn’t Moses give you the law? Yet none of you does what the law tells you. Why are you trying to kill me?”

<sup>8:12</sup>When Jesus spoke to them again, he said, “I AM the Light of the World.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

**P**  O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C**  Thanks be to You, O Lord!

## CREED/CATECHISM

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

**You shall have no other gods.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.**

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

**You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice witchcraft, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon Him in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.**

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

**You shall keep the day of rest holy.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.”**

## OFFICE HYMN

O Come, O Come, Thou Lord of Might | **110 v. 3**

**PRAYER:** *O Adonai* and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law of Sinai, come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

**SERMON** “*O Adonai*, Come and Save Us”

**VERSICLE & CANTICLE** (*The Magnificat*)

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## HYMN

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come | **88**