

Psalms for Christmas Dawn



The Luther Bible 1534:
The letter “A” from
Genesis 1.

Psalm 93—*Dominus regnavit*

Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: WHOM HAVE || you seen, O | Shep- | herds? *

Say, tell us, who is it has ap- | peared | on | the | earth?

|| We have seen the Child that is | born | - *

And choirs of Angels praising the Lord, alleluia, | al- | le- | lu- | ia.

|| 1 The Lord reigns, He is clothed with | *maj-es- •* | ty; *

The Lord is clothed, He has girded | Him- | self | with | strength.

|| Surely the world is es- | tab- | lished, *

so that it | can- | not | be | moved.

|| 2 Your throne is established from of | old; | - *

You are from | ev- | er- | last- | ing.

|| 3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their | voice; | - *

The floods | lift | up | their | waves.

|| 4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many | wa- | ters, *
 Than the mighty | waves | of | the | sea.
 || 5 Your testimonies are very | sure; | - *
 Holiness adorns Your house, O | Lord, | for- | ev- | er.
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 ever | shall | be: *
 world with- | out | end. | A- | men.
 || Whom have you seen, O | Shep- | herds? *
 Say, tell us, who is it has ap- | peared | on | the | earth?
 || We have seen the Child that is | born | - *
 And choirs of Angels praising the Lord, alleluia, | al- | le- | lu- | ia.

Psalm 100—*Jubilate Deo*

Psalm Tone III



Antiphon: THE MOT- || her gave | birth | to | **the** | King,*
 whose name is | e- | ter- | **nal**,
 || combining the joys of motherhood with the honor of | vir- | gi- | **ni-** | ty; *
 none like her has ever been seen, nor shall there be another, al- | le- | lu- | ia.

|| 1 Make a joyful shout to the | Lord, | all | **you** | lands! *
 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence | with | sing- | **ing**.

|| 3 Know that the | Lord, | He | **is** | God; *
 It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the
 sheep of | His | pas- | **ture**.

|| 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiv *-ing*, (+) and
 into | His | courts | **with** | praise. *
 Be thankful to Him, and | bless | His | **name**.

|| 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is | ev- | er- | **last-** | ing, *
 And His truth endures to all gen- | e- | ra- | **tions**.

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 without | end. | A- | **men**.

|| The Mother gave | birth | to | **the** | King, *
 whose name is | e- | ter- | **nal**,
 || combining the joys of motherhood with the honor of | vir- | gi- | **ni-** | ty; *
 none like her has ever been seen, nor shall there be another, al- | le- | lu- | ia.

Psalm 63—*Deus, Deus meus*

Psalm Tone VI



Antiphon: **THE AN-** || gel said to | the | Shep- | herds, *

“I bring you good | news | **of** | great | joy

|| This day is | born | to | you *

The Savior of the world, | al- | **le-** | lu- | ia.

|| 1 O God, You | are | my | God; *

Early | will | **I** - | seek | You;

|| My soul | thirsts | for | You; *

My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there | is | **no** - | wat- | er.

|| 2 So I have looked for You in the sanc- | tu- | a- | ry, *

To see Your power | and | **Your** - | glo- | ry.

|| 3 Because Your lovingkindness is bet- | ter | than | life, *

My | lips | **shall** - | praise | You.

|| 4 Thus I will bless You | while | I | live; *

I will lift up my | hands | **in** - | Your | name.

|| 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow | and | fat- | ness, *

And my mouth shall praise You | with | **joy-** - | ful | lips.

|| 6 When I remember You | on | my | bed, *

I meditate on You in | the | **night** - | watch- | es.

|| 7 Because You have | been | my | help, *

Therefore in the shadow of Your wings | I | **will** - | re- | joice.

|| 8 My soul follows close | be- | hind | You; *

Your right | hand | **up-** - | holds | me.

|| 9 But those who seek my life, to | de- | stroy | it, *

Shall go into the lower | parts | **of** - | the | earth.

|| 10 They shall fall | by | the | sword; *

They shall be a por- | tion | **for** - | jack- | als.

|| 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him | shall | glo- | ry; *

But the mouth of those who speak | lies | **shall** - | be | stopped.

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.

|| The Angel said to | the | Shep- | herds, *

“I bring you good | news | **of** | great | joy

|| This day is | born | to | you *

The Savior of the world, | al- | **le-** | lu- | ia.

Benedicite, Omnia Opera

Daniel 3:59-89,92 (LXX)

The Prayer of Azariah 35-65 (The Song of the Three Children)

Psalm Tone VII



Antiphon: **THERE WAS** || -- | with | the | An- | gel *

A multitude of the heavenly host praising | God | and | say- | ing
Glory to God | in | the | high- | est, *

And peace on earth among men of good will, | al- | le- | lu- | ia.

59 || O all ye works of the Lord, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

praise Him and magnify | Him | for- | ev- | er.

60 || O ye heavens, | bless | ye | the | Lord.

61 O ye angels of the Lord, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**:*

62 || O ye waters that are above the firmament, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

63 O ye powers of the Lord, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

64 || O ye sun and moon, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

65 O ye stars of heaven, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

66 || O ye showers and dew, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

67 O ye winds of God, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

68 || O ye fire and heat, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

69 O ye winter and summer, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

70 || O ye dews and frost, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

71 O ye nights and days, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

72 || O ye light and darkness, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

73 O ye frost and cold, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

74 || O ye ice and snow, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

75 O ye lightnings and clouds, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

76 || Oh, let the | earth | bless | the | Lord:*

yea, let it praise Him and magnify | Him | for- | ev- | er.

77 || O ye mountains and hills, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

78 O all ye green things upon the earth, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

79 || O ye wells, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

80 O ye seas and floods, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

81 || O ye whales and all that move in the waters, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

82 O all ye fowls of the air, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.

88 || O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

89 O ye holy and humble men of heart, | bless | ye | the | **Lord**.



92 || Bless we the Father and the Son and the | Ho- | ly | Ghost:*
 let us praise Him and magnify | Him | for- | ev- | **er.**
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: || There was | with | the | An- | gel *
 A multitude of the heavenly host praising | God | and | say- | **ing**
 Glory to God | in | the | high- | est, *
 And peace on earth among men of good will, | al- | le- | lu- | **ia.**

Psalm 148—*Laudate Dominum de coelis*

Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: A CHILD || is born to us | this | day *
 And He shall be called God, the Might-y.
 Alle- | lu- | ia. *
 -- | al- | le- | lu- | ia.
 || 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the | heav- | ens; *
 Praise | Him | in | the | heights!
 || 2 Praise Him, all His | an- | gels; *
 Praise | Him, | all | His | hosts!
 || 3 Praise Him, sun and | moon; | - *
 Praise Him, all | you | stars | of | light!
 || 4 Praise Him, you heavens of | heav- | ens, *
 And you waters a- | bove | the | heav- | ens!
 || 5 Let them praise the name of the | Lord, | - *
 For He commanded and they | were | cre- | at- | ed. || 6 He also established them
 forever and | ev- | er; *
 He made a decree which shall | not | pass | a- | way.
 || 7 Praise the Lord from the | earth, | - *
 You great sea creatures | and | all | the | depths;
 || 8 Fire and hail, snow and | clouds; | - *
 Stormy wind, ful- | fill- | ing | His | word;
 || 9 Mountains and all | hills; | - *
 Fruitful trees | and | all | ce- | dars;

|| 10 Beasts and all | cat- | tle; *

Creeping things | and | fly- | ing | fowl;

|| 11 Kings of the earth and all | peo- | ples; *

Princes and all judg- | es | of | the | earth;

|| 12 Both young men and | maid- | ens; *

Old | men | and | child- | ren.

|| 13 Let them praise the name of the | Lord, | - *

For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the | earth | and | heav- | en.

|| 14 And He has exalted the horn of His peo-*ple*, (+) the praise of all His | saints | - *

—Of the children of Israel, a people near to Him. | Praise | — | the | Lord!

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 ever | shall | be: *

world with- | out | end. | A- | men.

A Child is born to us | this | day *

And He shall be called God, the Might-y.

Alle- | lu- | ia. *

-- | al- | le- | lu- | ia.