

WEEK II
VESPERS

alt. I have made you the light of
all nations to carry my salvation
to the ends of the earth.

PSALM 72 I

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgment.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people,
and the hills bear peace in uprightness.

May he defend the poor of the people, †
and save the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

He shall endure like the sun and the moon
through all generations.

He shall descend like rain on the meadow,
like showers that water the earth.

In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.

He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth.

Let the desert dwellers fall before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and the islands
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

Glory...

alt. The Lord will save the
children of the poor and rescue
them from slavery.

PSALM 72 I

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.

He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life; †
to him their blood is dear.

Long may he live, and the gold of Sheba be given him.

They shall pray for him without ceasing,
and bless him all the day.

May grain be abundant in the land,
waving to the peaks of the mountains.

May its fruit rustle like Lebanon; †
may the people flourish in the cities
like grass on the earth.

May his name endure forever,
his name continue like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations shall call him blessed

Blest be the Lord, God of Israel,
who alone works wonders,

ever blest his glorious name. †

Let his glory fill the earth.

Amen! Amen!

Glory...

alt. Now the victorious reign of
our God has begun.

REVELATION 11: 17-18; 12: 10B-12A

We give you thanks, O Lord, Almighty God,
you who are and who were.

For you have assumed your great power
and you have begun your reign.

The nations raged, but your wrath has come,
and the time for the dead to be judged,
and to reward your servants the prophets †
and the holy ones and those who fear your name,
the small and the great alike.

Now have come the salvation †
and the power and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Anointed One,
for the accuser of our brethren is cast down
who accused them before our God day and night.

They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb,
and by the word of their witness;
love for their life did not deter them from death.
Therefore, rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell therein.
Glory...