

The Order of Vespers

for the Week of Advent 3

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022

Hymn

TLH #64 – Jesus Thy Church with Longing Eyes

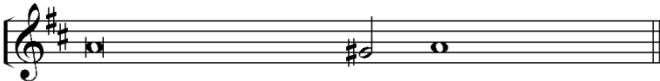
Stand

P O Lord, open my lips.

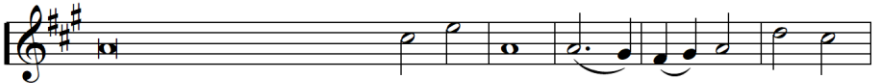


R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

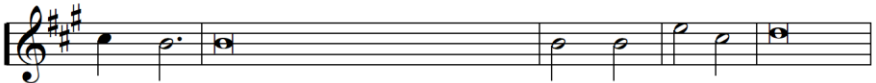
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



R Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly



Spir-it; as it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be,



for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalmody

Psalm 98

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P (*Antiphon*) Shout aloud to the LORD, all the earth!
Break forth, shout for joy, and sing!

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm have worked for him salvation.

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel:
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout aloud to the LORD, all the earth!
Break forth, shout for joy, and sing!

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of a horn
shout aloud before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea thunder and all that is in it,
the world, and those who dwell in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands;

let the hills shout for joy together 9 before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with
righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Glory | be to the Father, and to | the Son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it | was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, *
forevermore. A- | men.

P (*Antiphon*) Shout aloud to the LORD, all the earth!
Break forth, shout for joy, and sing!

Sit

First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-6

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Revelation 1:9-20

Responsory



Be- -hold, the days are coming, says | the Lord,
When I will raise up to David a righteous | Branch,
And a King shall reign and | prosper
And shall execute judgment and justice in the | earth.
And this is His name by which He shall | be called,
The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.
In His days shall Judah | be saved,
And Israel shall dwell safe- | ly.
And this is His name by which He shall | be called,
The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.
Glory be to the Father and to | the Son
And to the Holy Spir- | it.
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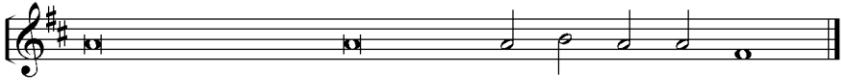
Hymn

TLH #4 – God Himself Is Present

Sermon

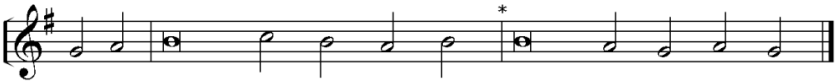
Stand

P Let my prayer be set before You as incense.



R And the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

The Magnificat — Luke 1:46-55



My — | soul | magni- | fies | the | Lord, *
And my spirit rejoices in | God | my | Sav- | ior.
For — | He | has | re- | gard- | ed *
the lowly estate of | His | hand- | maid- | en:
For, — | be- | hold, | from | hence- | forth *
all generations shall | call | me | bless- | ed.
For — | He who is mighty has | done to | me | great | things; *
and ho- | ly | is | His | name.
And His | mercy is on | those | who | fear | Him *
from generation to | gen- | er- | a- | tion.
He has | shown | strength | with | His | arm; *
He has scattered the proud in the imagi- | nation | of | their | hearts.
He has | put down the | mighty | from | their | seats, *
and exalted those | of | low | de- | gree.
He has | filled the | hungry | with | good | things; *
and the rich He has | sent a- | way | emp- | ty.
He has | come to the aid of His servant Israel, in remembrance | of | His | mer- | cy; *
As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his | seed | for- | ev- | er.
Glo-ry | be to the Father, | and | to | the | Son, *
and to the | Ho- | ly | Spir- | it;
As it | was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be, *
forev- | er- | more. | A- | men.

Prayers

The Evening Suffrages

O Lord, | — **Have mercy upon | us.**

O Christ, | — **Have mercy upon | us.**

O Lord, | — **Have mercy upon | us.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Blessed are | You, O Lord God of our | fathers:

And greatly to be praised and glorified fore- | er.

Let us bless the | Father and the Son and the Holy | Spirit:

We praise and magnify Him fore- | er.

Blessed are | You, O Lord, in the firmament of | heaven:

And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted fore- | er.

The al- | mighty and merciful Lord bless and pre- | serve us.

A- | men.

Grant us Your | favor, O Lord, | this night:

To keep us without | sin.

O | Lord, have mercy up- | on us:

Have mercy upon | us.

O | Lord, let Your mercy be up- | on us:

As our trust is in | You.

Hear my | prayer, | O Lord:

And let my cry come unto | You.

P The Lord be with you.



R And with your spir - it.

The Pastor says one or more Collects. After each, the congregation sings:



R A - men.

P Let us bless the Lord.



R Thanks be to God.

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



R A - men.