

# The Order of Vespers

for Holy Innocents' Day

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

## Hymn

TLH #80 – All Praise to Thee, Eternal God

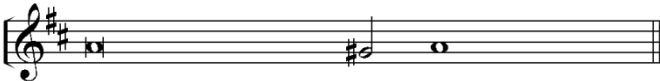
Stand

**P** O Lord, open my lips.

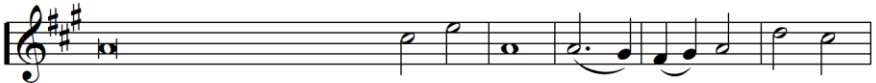


**R** And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

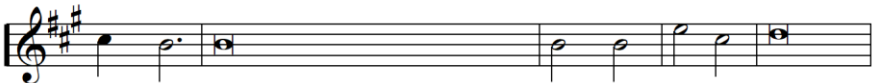
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



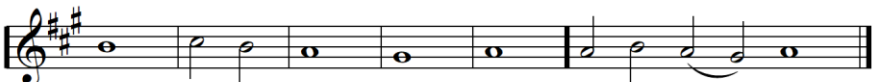
**R** Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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 37:1-11*

*The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.*

**P** (*Antiphon*) Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him.

Do not fret because of evildoers,

**Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.**

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,

**And wither as the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.**

Delight yourself also in the LORD,

**And He shall give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD,

**Trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.**

He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,

**And your justice as the noonday.**

Rest in the LORD,

**and wait patiently for Him;**

Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,

**Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.**

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;

**Do not fret—it only causes harm.**

For evildoers shall be cut off;

**But those who wait on the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.**

For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more;

**Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it shall be no more.**

But the meek shall inherit the earth,

**And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.**

**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*) Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him.

*Sit*

## First Lesson

*Revelation 14:1-5*

*After each Lesson:*

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

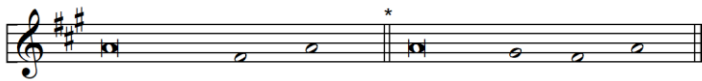


**R** Thanks be to You, O Lord!

## Second Lesson

*Matthew 2:13-18*

## Responsory



**V** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the | Father,

**R** Full of | **grace and truth.**

**V** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word | was God.

**R** Full of | **grace and truth.**

**V** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit.

**R** Full of | **grace and truth.**

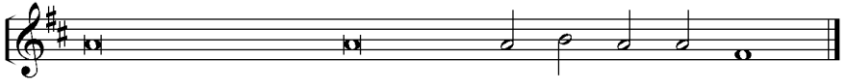
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*Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band (see insert)*

## Sermon

*Stand*

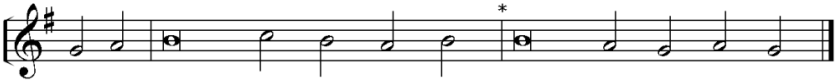
**P** Let my prayer be set before You as incense.



**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 | this | time | forth \*  
all generations will | call | me | bless- | èd.  
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 forev- | er.**

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

**We praise and magnify Him forev- | er.**

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

**And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted forev- | 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.