

The Order of Vespers

for the week of Laetare - Lent 4

Hymn

O Christ, You Are the Day and Light (insert)

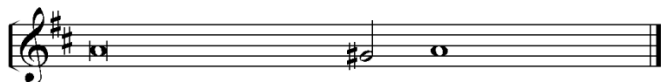
Stand

V O Lord, open my lips.

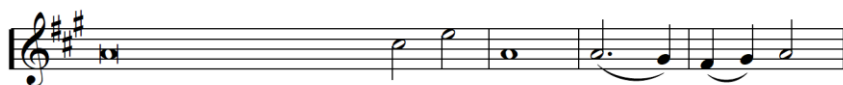


R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

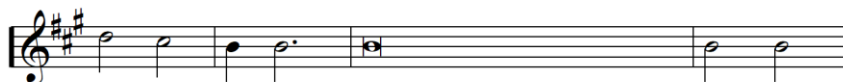
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



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.

Psalmody

Psalm 139

P Behold, now is the accept- | able time:

Behold, this is the day | of salva- -tion.



The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me;

Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret,

And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.

For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.

Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

**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. Amen.**

P Behold, now is the accept- | able time:
Behold, this is the day | of salva- | tion.

Sit

First Lesson

Isaiah 49:8-13

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Revelation 5:1-14

Responsory



P He was brought as a lamb to the | slaught- -er,

C **He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He | opened not His mouth.**

P He was delivered | up to death

C **That He might | give His people life.**

P In Salem also | is His tent,

C **And His | dwelling place in Zion.**

P He was delivered | up to death

C **That He might | give His people life.**

P Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

C **And to the | Holy Spirit.**

P He was delivered | up to death

C **That He might | give His people life.**

Hymn

TLH #23 – Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring

Sermon

Stand

V 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 Canticle

The Nunc Dimittis — Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now | You | let Your servant | de- | part | in | peace, *
accord- | ing | to | Your | word:

For | my | eyes have seen | Your | sal- | va- | tion, *

Which You have prepared before the face | of | all | peo- | ples;

A | — | **Light for enlighten- | ing | the | Gen- | tiles, ***
and for glory to Your | peo- | ple | Is- | rael.
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



C Lord, have mer- cy up-on us. Christ, have mer- cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up-on us.

C **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. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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 T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



R A - men.