

The Order of Vespers

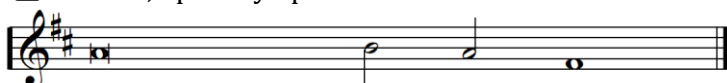
for the week of Trinity 18

Hymn

TLH #343 – *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star* (st. 1-4)

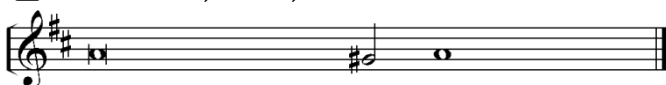
Stand

V O Lord, open my lips.

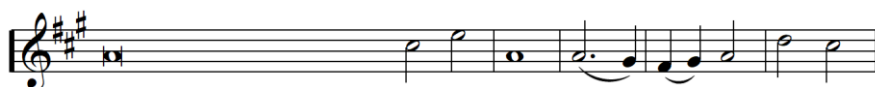


R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

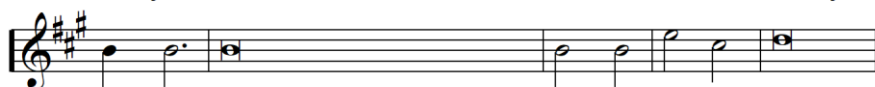
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



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. Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalmody

Psalm 56

The verses are chanted antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P (*Antiphon*)_ Behold, God is my Helper;
the Lord is with those who uphold my life.



Save me, O God, by your name,

and grant me justice | by your strength.

Hear my prayer, O God;

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

_For strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors are after my life;

they have not set God be- | fore their eyes.

_Behold, God is my Helper;

the Lord is with those who up- | hold my life.

He will repay my enemies with evil.

In your faithfulness, put an | end to them!

_I will offer you a willing sacrifice.

I will praise your name, O LORD; for | it is good.

_For he has delivered me out of all trouble,

and my eye has looked with triumph on my | enemies.

_Glory be to the Father, and to | the Son, *

and to the Holy | Spir_it;

_as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, *

Forever- | more. Amen.

P (*Antiphon*) _Behold, God is my Helper;
the Lord is with those who uphold my life.

Sit

First Lesson

John 15:1-17

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Isaiah 60:13-22

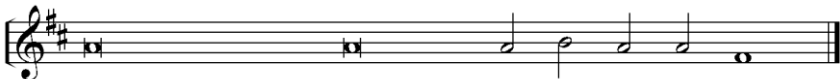
Hymn

TLH #343 – How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (st. 5-7)

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



R A - men.