

The Order of Vespers

for the week of Epiphany 4

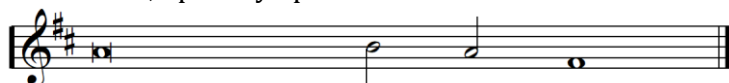
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Hymn

TLH #348 – *Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus*

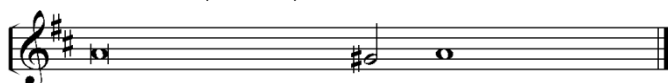
Stand

P O Lord, open my lips.

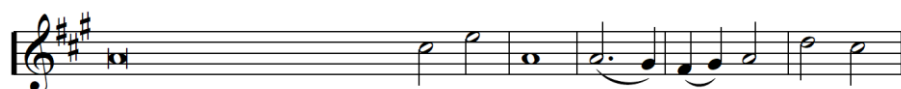


R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

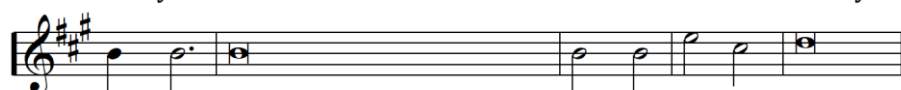
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



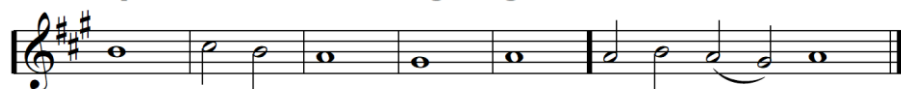
R Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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,

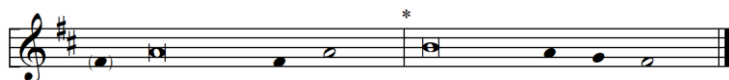


for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalmody

Psalm 73 (abbr.)

The verses are sung antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.



P *(Antiphon)* My flesh and my heart | may fail. *

But God is the rock of my heart and my portion for- | ev- -er.

Surely God is good to Is- | rael,

to those who are | pure of heart.

But as for me, my feet had almost | stumbled;

my steps had | nearly slipped.

For I was envious of the | boastful

when I saw the prosperity of the | wick- -ed.

For they are in no danger | of death;

their bel- | lies are fat.

They are not in trouble like oth- | er men;

they are not stricken with the rest | of mankind.

Surely in vain I have cleansed | my heart

and washed my hands in | innocence!

For all day long have I been | stricken;

I am reproved every | morn- -ing."

I considered this, that I might under- | stand it,

but it was too diffi- | cult for me,

until I went into the sanctuary | of God;

then I under- | stood their end.

Surely you set them in slippery | places;

you cast them down to | ru- -in.

Oh, how quickly they are brought to | nothing!

They are utterly consumed | with terrors.

Like a dream when one | awakes,

so you, O Lord, will despise their image in the | ci- -ty.

Yet I am always | with you;

you hold me by | my right hand.

You will guide me with your | counsel

and finally receive me in | glo- -ry.

Whom have I in heaven | but you?

And I desire nothing on earth be- | sides_ you.

My flesh and my heart | may fail.

But God is the rock of my heart and my portion for- | ev- -er.

For, behold, those who are far from you will | perish;

you destroy all who desert you to play the | har- -lot.

As for me, it is good to draw near | to God.

**I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may declare | all
your works.**

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.

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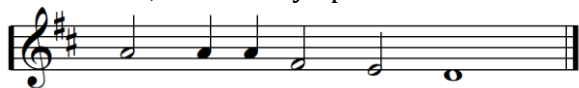
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First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-3

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

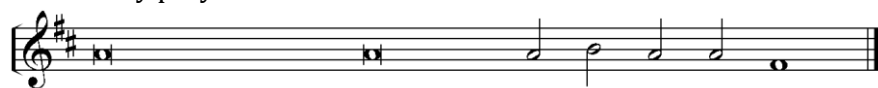
Hymn

TLH #319 – In Thee Alone, O Christ My Lord

Sermon

Stand

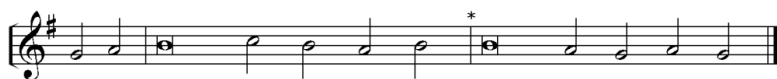
P Let my prayer be set before You as incense.



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

The 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.