

The Order of Vespers

for the week of Invocavit

Hymn

TLH #559 – O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day

Stand

V O Lord, open my lips.



R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

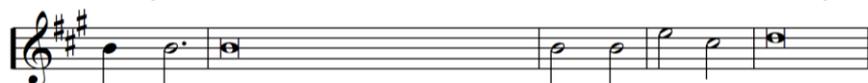
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



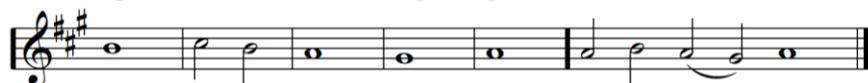
R Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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 16

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P Man shall | not live by bread | alone:
but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of | God.



Preserve me, O God,

for in You I put my trust.

O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,

My goodness is nothing apart from You."

As for the saints who are on the earth,

"They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god;

Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.

O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

You maintain my lot.

The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;

Yes, I have a good inheritance.

I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;

My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me;

Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;

My flesh also will rest in hope.

For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,

Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.

Antiphon:

P Man shall | not live by bread | alone:
but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of | God.

Sit

First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-24

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Revelation 3:7-13

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.

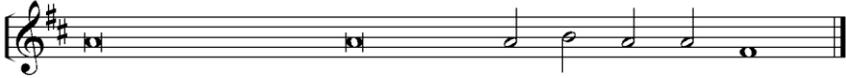
Hymn

TLH #479 – Zion, Rise, Zion, Rise

Sermon

Stand

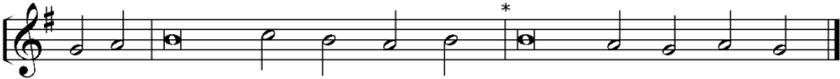
V Let my prayer be set before You as incense.



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

The Evening Suffrages

V O Lord,

R Have mercy upon us.

V O Christ,

R Have mercy upon us.

V O Lord,

R 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.

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

R **And greatly to be praised and glorified forever.**

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

R **We praise and magnify Him forever.**

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

R **And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted forever.**

V The almighty and merciful Lord bless and preserve us.

R **Amen.**

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

R **To keep us without sin.**

V O Lord, have mercy upon us:

R **Have mercy upon us.**

V O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us:

R **As our trust is in You.**

V Hear my prayer, O Lord:

R **And let my cry come unto You.**

P The Lord be with you.

