

The Order of Vespers

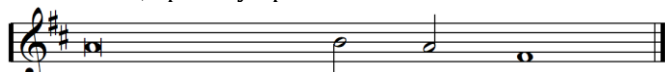
for Advent 1

Hymn

TLH #63 - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

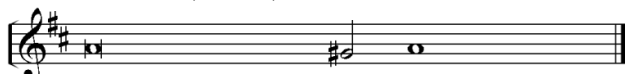
Stand

V O Lord, open my lips.

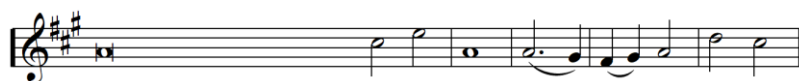


R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

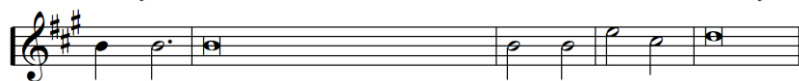
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



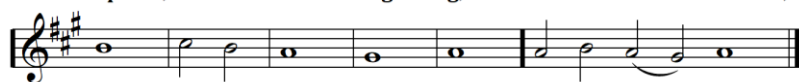
R Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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 143

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P (*Antiphon*) For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life.

O LORD, hear my prayer! Listen to my supplications!

Answer me in your faithfulness, for the sake of your righteousness!

And enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

For the enemy persecutes my soul; he crushes my life to the ground;

he makes me to dwell in darkness, like those who have been long dead.

Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;

my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old;

I tell of all your deeds; I speak of the works of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a thirsty land. Selah.

Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails.

Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

Make me to hear your mercy in the morning; for in you I trust.

Make me to know the way on which I should walk; for to you I lift up my soul.

Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;

to you I flee for refuge.

Teach me to do your good pleasure, for you are my God:

May your good Spirit lead me on a straight path.

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life;

for your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And for your mercy's sake, cut off my enemies, and destroy all who trouble my soul;

for I am your servant.

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 (*Antiphon*) For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life.

Sit

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-14

After the Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Luke 1:1-25

Responsory



Be- hold, the days are coming, says | the Lord,

When I will raise up to David a righteous | Branch,

And a King shall reign and | prosper

And shall execute judgment and justice in the | earth.

And this is His name by which He shall | be called,

The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.

In His days shall Judah | be saved,

And Israel shall dwell safe- | ly.

And this is His name by which He shall | be called,

The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.

Glory be to the Father and to | the Son

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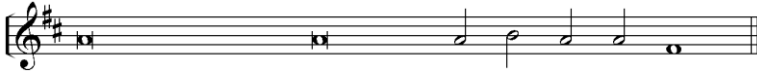
Hymn

TLH #61 - Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Sermon

Stand

☑ Let my prayer be set before You as incense.



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

The Canticle

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 fore- | er.

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

We praise and magnify Him fore- | er.

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

And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted fore- | 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:



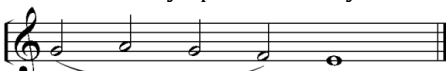
R A - men.

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.