

# The Order of Vespers

## for Advent 2

### Hymn

TLH #645 - Behold, a Branch Is Growing

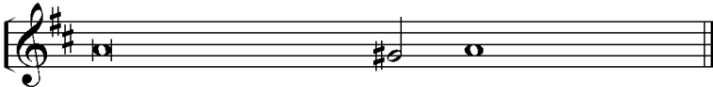
Stand

**V** O Lord, open my lips.

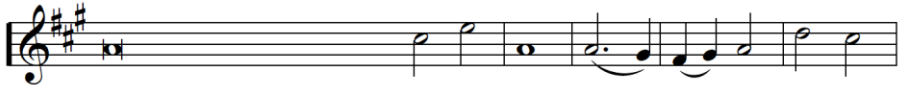


**R** And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

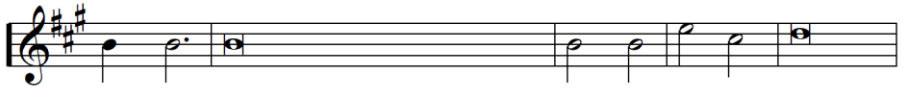
**V** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



**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 91

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

**P** (*Antiphon*) For he will give his angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

He who dwells under the shelter of the Most High  
**will abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress,  
**my God. In him I will trust.**

For he will deliver you from the fowler's snare  
**and from the deadly pestilence.**

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;  
**his truth will be your shield and shelter.**

You will not have to fear the dread of night;  
**nor the arrow that flies by day;**

nor the pestilence that walks in darkness;  
**nor the destruction that lays waste at midday.**

A thousand will fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand;

**but to you it will not come near.**

With your eyes alone you will look

**and see how the wicked are repaid.**

Because you, O LORD, are my refuge,

**because you have made the Most High your dwelling,**

no evil will befall you,

**no plague will come near your tent.**

For he will give his angels charge over you,

**to guard you in all your ways.**

In their hands they will bear you up,

**lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion and the serpent;

**the young lion and the dragon you will trample underfoot.**

Because he has set his heart on me, therefore I will deliver him.

**I will set him on high, because he has known my name.**

He will call upon me, and I will answer him.

**I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him

**and show him my salvation.**

**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.**

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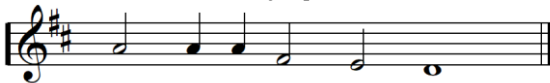
Sit

## First Lesson

*Isaiah 40:15-31*

*After each Lesson:*

**P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.



**R** Thanks be to You, O Lord!

## Second Lesson

*Luke 1:26-38*

### 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

**And to the Holy Spir- | it.**

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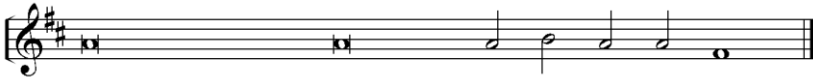
## Hymn

TLH #75 - Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken

## 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- | ed.

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



**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.

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