

The Order of Vespers

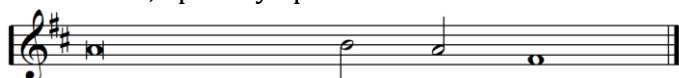
for the week of Oculi – Lent 3

Hymn

TLH #295 — *The Law of God Is Good and Wise*

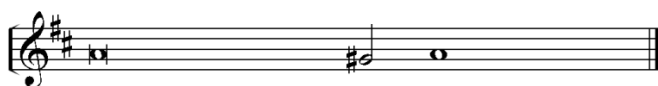
Stand

V O Lord, open my lips.

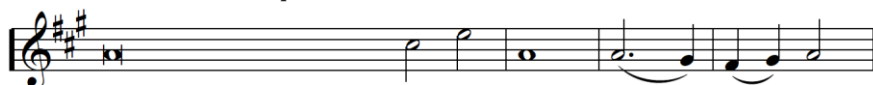


R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

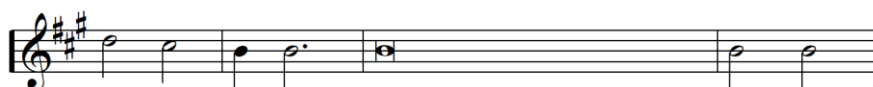
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



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.

Psalmody

Psalms 86

P Behold, now is the accept- | able time:

Behold, this is the day | of salva- tion.



The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me; For I am | poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant | who trusts in You!

Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to | You all day long.

Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I | lift up my soul.

For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who | call upon You.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my | supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You | will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any | works like Your works.

All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glo- | rify Your name.

For You are great, and do wondrous things; You | alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart | to fear Your name.

I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name | forevermore.

For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the | depths of Sheol.

O God, the proud have risen against me, And a mob of violent men have sought my life, And have not set | You before them.

But You, O Lord, are a God full of compas- | sion, and gracious,

Longsuffering and abundant in | mercy and truth.

Oh, turn to me, and have | mercy on me!

Give Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of | Your maidservant.

Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it | and be ashamed,

Because You, LORD, have helped me and | comforted me.

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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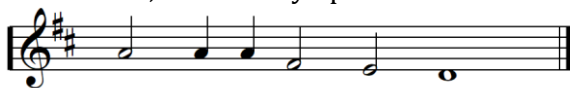
Sit

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-28

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Revelation 2:1-7

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.**
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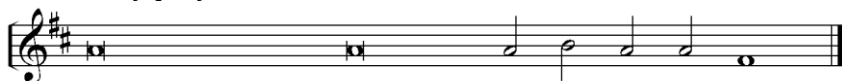
Hymn

TLH #297 – The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

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.



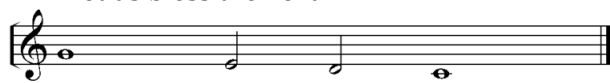
R And with your spir - it.

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



R A - men.