

The Order of Vespers

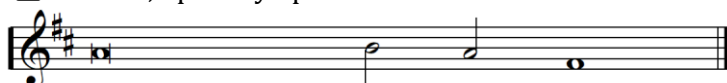
for the week of Trinity 26

Hymn

Today Your Mercy Calls Us (back page)

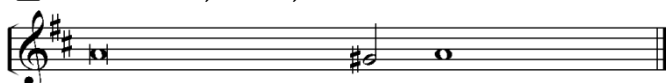
Stand

V O Lord, open my lips.

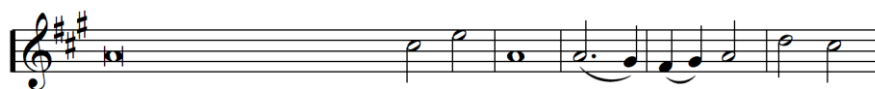


R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

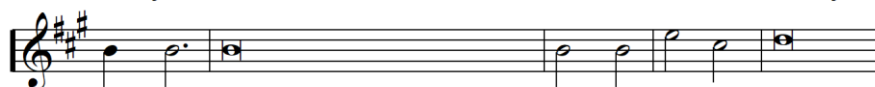
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



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,



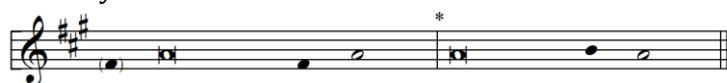
for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalmody

Psalm 18c

The verses are chanted antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P (*Antiphon*) The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock! * May the God of my salvation be exalted!



You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand sustains me.

When you humble me, you make | me great.

You have lengthened my stride beneath me,

so that my feet do | not slip.

I will pursue my enemies and overtake them;

I will not turn back until they are | consumed.

For you have armed me with strength for the battle;
you have subdued beneath me those who rose up a- | gainst me.

You will keep me safe from the hostilities of the people; you will make me the head of the nations.

A people whom I have not known shall | serve me.

As soon as they hear me, they shall obey me;

foreign children shall submit | to me.

The foreign children shall fade away

and come trembling out of their | hideouts.

The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock!

May the God of my salvation be ex- | alted!

It is God who avenges me

and subdues the peoples un- | der me.

He keeps me safe from my enemies; yes, you lift me up above those who rise up against me.

You have delivered me from the vio- | lent man.

Therefore I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the nations;

I will sing praises to | your name.

For he works great salvation for his king and shows mercy to his anointed,

to David, and to his seed for- | ever.

_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)* The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock! * May the God of my salvation be exalted!

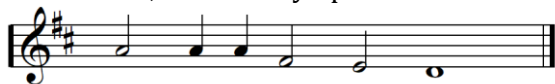
Sit

First Lesson

Matthew 11:25-30

After each Lesson:

[P] O Lord, have mercy upon us.



[R] Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Isaiah 65:1-12

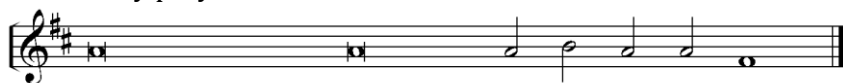
Hymn

TLH #278 – Delay not! Delay not!

Sermon

Stand

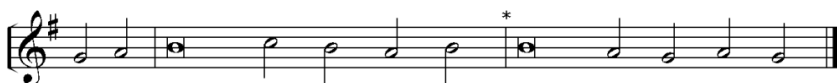
V Let my prayer be set before You as incense.



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



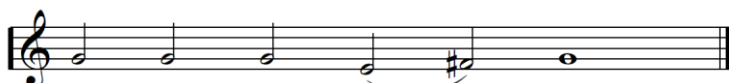
C Lord, have mer- cy up-on us. Christ, have mer- cy up-on us.



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:



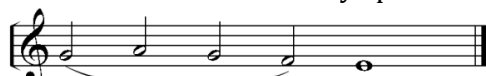
R A - men.

P Let us bless the Lord.



R Thanks be to God.

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



R A - men.

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Text: Oswald Allen, 1861, alt.

ANTHES



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther seeks us, His Ho - ly Spir - it calls;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er With - in the heav'n - ly halls.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can cleanse us And make us white to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.