

The Order of Vespers

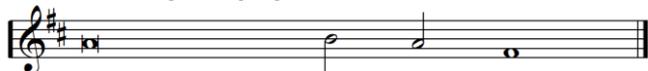
for Christian Martyrdom

Hymn

TLH #529 – I Leave All Things to God's Direction

Stand

O Lord, open my lips.



And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

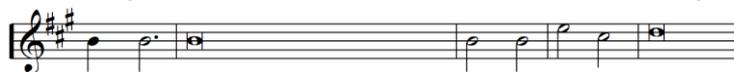
Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



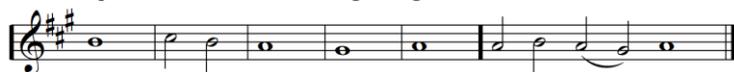
Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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 27

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy upon me, and answer me.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh,

My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.

Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear;

Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the LORD,

And to inquire in His temple.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;

In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;

I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!

Have mercy upon me, and answer me.

When You said, "Seek My face,"

My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger;

You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me,

Then the LORD will take care of me.

Teach me Your way, O LORD,

And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries;

For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed

That I would see the godness of the LORD In the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart;

Wait, I say, on the LORD!

**_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 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy upon me, and answer me.

Sit

First Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Revelation 2:12-13

Hymn

TLH #470 – Rise Again, Ye Lion-Hearted

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers:

And greatly to be praised and glorified forever.

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

We praise and magnify Him forever.

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

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

The almighty and merciful Lord bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Grant us Your favor, O Lord, this night:

To keep us without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Your mercy be upon 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.

We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept us this day. We ask You to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to keep us this night. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe may have no power over us. Amen.

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.