

# The Order of Vespers

## for the week of Trinity 12

### Hymn

TLH #360 – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

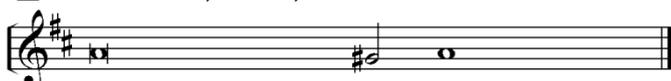
Stand

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



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

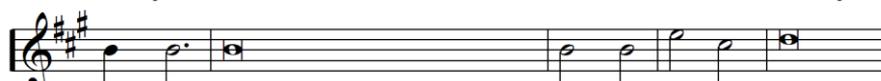
**V** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



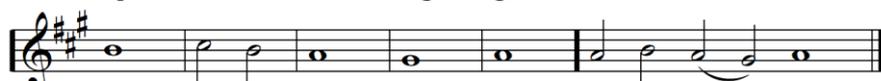
**R** Make haste to help me, O Lord.



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 104 (abbr.)

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

**P** (*Antiphon*) Bless the LORD, O my soul.



O LORD my God, you are very great.

**You are clothed with honor and ma- | jesty,**

You cover yourself with light as with a garment,

**you stretch out the heavens like a | curtain,**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters, you make the clouds your chariot,

**you walk upon the wings of | the wind,**

You make your angels spirits,

**your ministers a flam- | ing fire,**

You set the earth on its foundations  
**that it should never | be moved.**

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.

**The earth is full of your | riches,**  
\_like the sea, great and wide, where moving things dwell without number,

**living things, the small with | the great.**  
These all wait upon you  
**to give them their food in due | season.**

They gather in what you give them.  
**You open your hand, and they are filled | with good.**  
You hide your face, and they are troubled.

**You take away their breath, and they die and return to | their dust.**  
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created.

**And you renew the face of | the earth.**  
\_The glory of the LORD shall endure forever.  
**The LORD shall rejoice in | his works.**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live.  
**I will sing praise to my God as long as | I am.**  
\_Let my speech be pleasing to him.

**I will rejoice in | the LORD.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
**Praise | 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** (*Antiphon*) Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Sit

## First Lesson

*Isaiah 29:18-19*

*After each Lesson:*

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



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

## Second Lesson

*James 3:1-12*

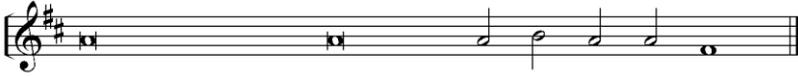
## Hymn

*TLH #27 – Oh Bless the Lord, My Soul*

# 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 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

*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 forev- | er.**

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

**We praise and magnify Him forev- | er.**

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

**And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted  
forev- | 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.

**We thank You, 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.