

The Order of Vespers

for the week of Advent 3

Hymn

TLH #645 – Behold, a Branch Is Growing

Stand

V O Lord, open my lips.



R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

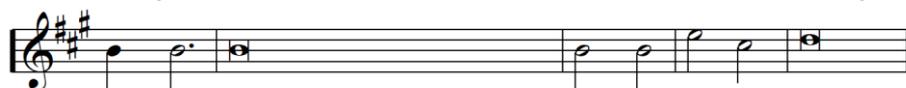
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



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 98

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P (*Antiphon*) Shout aloud to the LORD, all the earth!

Break forth, shout for joy, and sing!

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

his right hand and his holy arm have worked for him salvation.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel:

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout aloud to the LORD, all the earth!

Break forth, shout for joy, and sing!

Sing to the LORD with the harp,

with the harp and the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of a horn

shout aloud before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea thunder and all that is in it,
the world, and those who dwell in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands;

let the hills shout for joy together 9 before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with
righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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. A- | men.

P (*Antiphon*) Shout aloud to the LORD, all the earth!
Break forth, shout for joy, and sing!

Sit

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-5

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

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.

And this is His name by which He shall | be called,

The Lord Our Righteous- | ness.

Hymn

TLH #275 - My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

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- | èd.
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



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



Lord, have mer - cy up-on 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. 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.
