

The Order of Vespers

for the Epiphany of our Lord (*observed*)

Hymn

TLH #127 - As with Gladness Men of Old

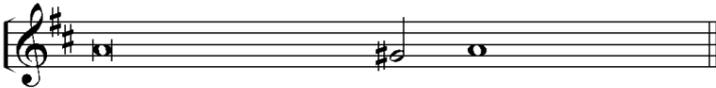
Stand

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!

Sit

Hymn

TLH #343 – How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (st. 1-4)

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-12

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Responsory



Arise, shine, for your light | has come

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon | you.

And Gentiles will walk in your light, and kings in the brightness that rises up-
| on you.

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon | you.

Glory | be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit.

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon | you.

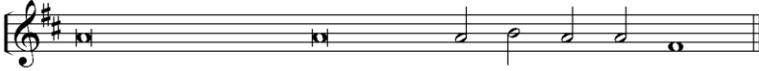
Hymn

TLH #498 – Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations (st. 1-3)

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.

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.
