



His lightnings light the world;

**The earth sees and | trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,

**At the presence of the Lord of the | whole earth.**

The heavens declare His righteousness,

**And all the peoples see His | glory.**

Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, who boast of idols.

**Worship Him, all | you gods.**

Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice

**Because of Your judgments, | O LORD.**

For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth;

**You are exalted far above | all gods.**

You who love the LORD, hate evil!

**He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of  
the hand of the | wicked.**

Light is sown for the righteous,

**And gladness for the upright | in heart.**

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,

**And give thanks at the remembrance of His ho- | ly name.**

**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 heavens declare His righteousness, \* and all the peoples see His glory.

*Sit*

## First Lesson

*Malachi 3:1-4*

*After each Lesson:*

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



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

## Second Lesson

*Luke 2:22-32*

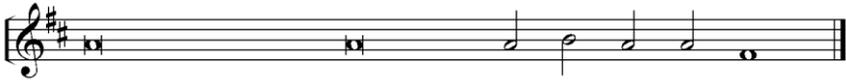
## Hymn

*TLH #137 – In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*

## Sermon

*Stand*

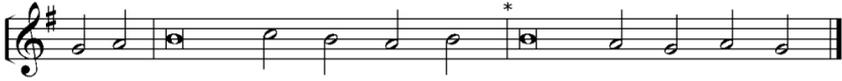
**V** Let my prayer be set before You as incense.



**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.

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