

# The Order of Vespers

## for the Week of Laetare - Lent 4

### Hymn

TLH #146 - Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

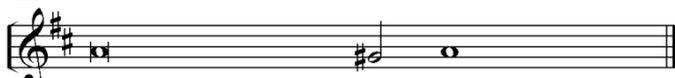
Stand

☐ O Lord, open my lips.

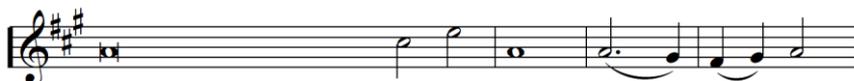


☐ And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

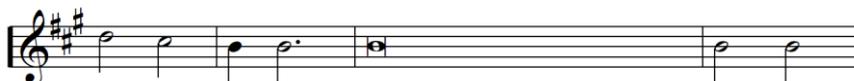
☐ Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



☐ 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.

### Psalmody

Psalm 139

☐ Behold, now is the accept- | able time:  
Behold, this is the day | of salva- -tion.

*The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.*

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

**You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.**

You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

**For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.**

You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

**If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me;

**Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.**

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

**I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.**

My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret,

**And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.**

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

**And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.**

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

**If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.**

Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.

**For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.**

Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

**I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

**And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.**

**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** Behold, now is the accept- | able time:  
Behold, this is the day | of salva- -tion.

Sit

## First Lesson

Isaiah 9:8-17

*After each Lesson:*

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



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

## Second Lesson

Matthew 23:1-12

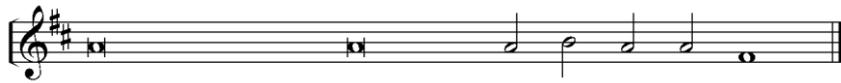
### Hymn

TLH #149 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

### 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 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

*The Evening Suffrages*

☑ O Lord,  
☑ O Christ,  
☑ O Lord,

☒ Have mercy upon us.  
☒ Have mercy upon us.  
☒ 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.**

☐ The Lord be with you.



☒ And with your spir - it.

*The Pastor says one or more Collects. After each, the congregation sings:*



☒ A - men.

☐ Let us bless the Lord.



☒ Thanks be to God.

☐ The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



☒ A - men.