

### Prayers before Any Office

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open, Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, foolish, wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; enkindle my affections that I may say this office with attention and devotion and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy divine majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Collect for Laetare

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

### Collect for the Season of Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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*“I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”*

*St. John 6:51*

## The Office of Vespers

<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Holy”</i>	TLH 169
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Opening Versicles</b>		TLH p. 41
<b>The Gloria Patri</b>	<i>(Omit Hallelujah)</i>	TLH p. 41
<b>The Psalmody</b>	Psalm 139	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Lection</b>		2 Peter 1:2-11 St. John 6:36-51
<b>The Response</b>	<i>(After each reading)</i>	TLH p. 42
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<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee”</i>	TLH 173
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>For the Life of the World</i>	
<b>Recitation of the Catechism</b>	Christian Questions with Their Answers	
<b>The Offering</b>		
<b>The Office Hymn</b>	<i>“On My Heart Imprint Thine Image”</i>	TLH 179
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<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 45
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<b>Other Collects</b> <i>(if necessary)</i>		
<b>The Collect for Peace</b>		TLH p. 45
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<b>The Benedicamus</b>		TLH p. 45
<b>The Benediction</b>		TLH p. 45
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		

## 2 Peter 1:2-11

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. <sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## St. John 6:36-51

<sup>36</sup> “But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven,

not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” <sup>41</sup> The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” <sup>43</sup> Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

## Psalm 139



P: O **LORD**, - || You | have | searched | me  
 C: And | — | **known** - | me. | —

P: || O Lord, You have searched me | and | known | me.  
 C: You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my | thought | **a-** - | far | off.

P: || You comprehend my path and my | ly- | ing | down,  
 C: And are acquainted | with | **all** - | my | ways.

P: || For there is not a word | on | my | tongue,  
 C: But behold, O Lord, You know it | al- | **to-** - | geth- | er.

P: || You have hedged me behind | and | be- | fore,  
 C: And laid Your | hand | **up-** - | on | me.

P: || Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful | for | me;  
 C: It is high, I can- | not | **at-** - | tain | it.

P: || Where can I go from | Your | Spi- | rit?  
 C: Or where can I flee | from | **Your** - | pre- | sence?

P: || If I ascend into heaven, | You | are | there;  
 C: If I make my bed in hell, be- | hold, | **You** - | are | there.

P: || If I take the wings of | the | morn- | ing,  
 C: And dwell in the uttermost | parts | **of** - | the | sea,

P: || Even there Your hand | shall | lead | me,  
 C: And Your right | hand | **shall** - | hold | me.

P: || If I say, “Surely the darkness shall | fall | on | me,”  
 C: Even the night shall be | light | **a-** - | bout | me;

P: || Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines  
 | as | the | day;

C: The darkness and the light are both | a- | **like** - | to | You.

P: || For You formed my | in- | ward | parts;  
 C: You covered me in | my | **moth-** - | er’s | womb.

P: || I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonder- | ful- | ly | made;  
 C: Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul | knows |  
**ver-** - | y | well.

P: || My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made | in | sec- |  
 ret,

C: And skillfully wrought in the lowest | parts | **of** - | the | earth.

P: || Your eyes saw my substance, being | yet | un- | formed.



C: And in Your book they | all | **were** - | writ- | ten,  
 P: || The days fa- | shioned | for | me,

C: When as yet there | were | **none** - | of | them.  
 P: || How precious also are Your thoughts to me, | O | God!

C: How great is | the | **sum** - | of | them!  
 P: || If I should count them, they would be more in number | than | the |  
 sand;

C: When I awake, I | am | **still** - | with | You.  
 P: || Oh, that You would slay the wick- | ed, | O | God!

C: Depart from me, therefore, you | blood- | **thirst-** - | y | men.  
 P: || For they speak against You | wick- | ed- | ly;

C: Your enemies take | Your | **name** - | in | vain.  
 P: || Do I not hate them, O Lord, | who | hate | You?

C: And do I not loathe those who rise | up | **a-** - | gainst | You?  
 P: || I hate them with per- | fect | hat- | red;

C: I count them | my | **en-** - | e- | mies.  
 P: || Search me, O God, and | know | my | heart;

C: Try me, and know my | an- | **xi-** - | e- | ties;  
 P: || And see if there is any wicked | way | in | me,

C: And lead me in the way | ev- | **er-** - | last- | ing.

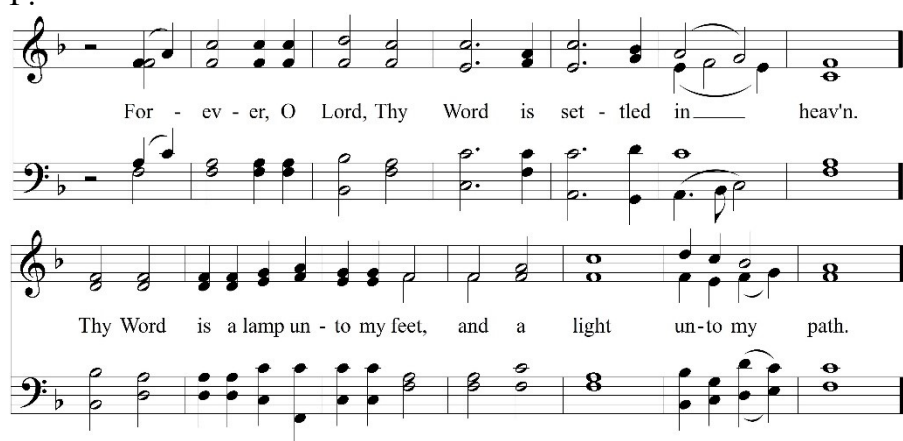
**ALL: GLO- RY** - || be to the Father, and | to | the | Son,  
 And to | the | **Ho-** - | ly | Ghost;

**AS IT** - || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and ev- | er | shall | be  
 World with- | out | **end.** - | A- | men.

P: || O Lord, You | have | searched | me  
 C: And | — | **known** - | me. | —

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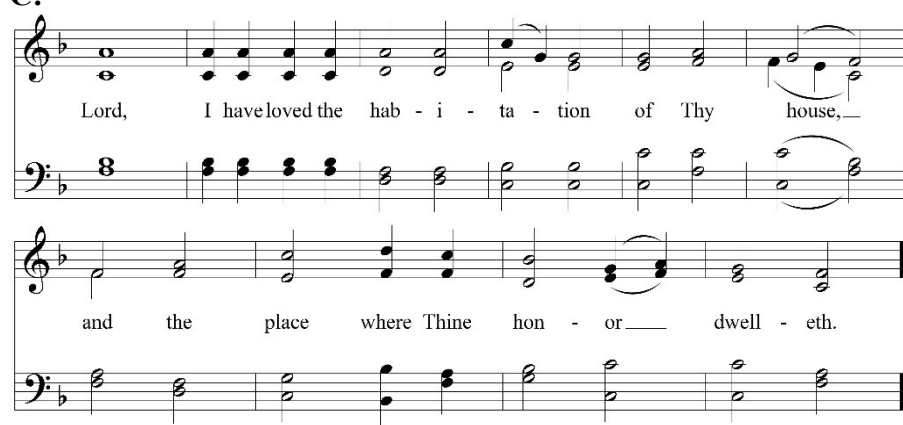
**P:**



For - ev - er, O Lord, Thy Word is set - tled in heav'n.

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet, and a light un-to my path.

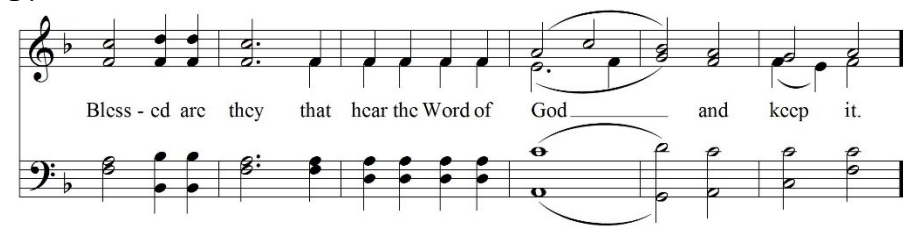
**C:**



Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

and the place where Thine hon - or — dwell - eth.

**P:**



Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God — and keep it.

**C:**

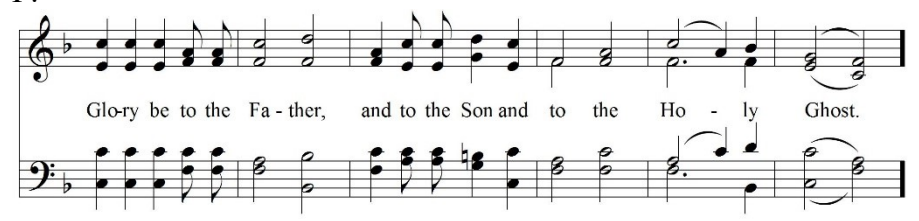


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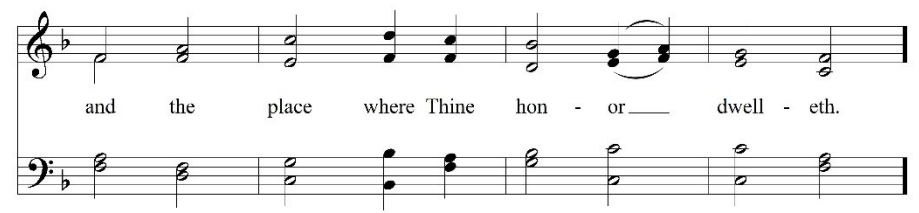


Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

**C:**



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and the place where Thine hon - or — dwell - eth.

**TLH 169 “Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Holy”**

Michal Grodzki, c. 1550

1. Jesus Christ, our Lord most holy,  
Lamb of God so pure and lowly,  
Blameless, blameless, on the cross art offered,  
Sinless, sinless, for our sins hast suffered.
2. Weep now, all ye wretched creatures,  
As ye view His gracious features.  
Jesus, Jesus, on the cross is dying,  
Nature, nature, in dark gloom is sighing.
3. Christ, His last word having spoken,  
Bows His head as life is broken.  
Mournful, mournful, stands His mother weeping,  
Loved ones, loved ones, silent watch are keeping.
4. The great veil was torn asunder,  
Earth did quake mid roars of thunder,  
Boulders, boulders, into bits were breaking;  
Sainted, sainted, dead from death were waking.
5. As His side with spear was riven,  
Blood and water forth were given.  
Jesus, Jesus, sinners' only Savior,  
Mercy, mercy, grant to us forever. Amen.

**TLH 173 “Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee”**

Christoph Fischer, 1597

1. Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee  
That Thou hast died to set us free;  
Made righteous thro' Thy precious blood,  
We now are reconciled to God.
2. By virtue of Thy wounds we pray,  
True God and Man, be Thou our Stay,  
Our Comfort when we yield our breath,  
Our Rescue from eternal death.
3. Defend us, Lord, from sin and shame;  
Help us by Thine Almighty Name  
To bear our crosses patiently,  
Consoled by Thy great agony,
4. And thus the full assurance gain  
That Thou to us wilt true remain  
And not forsake us in our strife  
Until we enter into life. Amen.

**TLH 179 “On My Heart Imprint Thine Image”**

Thomas Kingo, 1689

1. On my heart imprint Thine image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Have no pow'r Thee to efface.  
This the superscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's Foundation,  
And my Glory and Salvation. Amen.