

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, O 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.

Prayers after Any Office

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 Gaudete

Lord, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Thy gracious visitation; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for Advent

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for Ember Week in Advent

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that with the coming solemnity of our Lord's birth to accomplish our redemption, through Thy holy Word and Sacraments Thou would strengthen our faith in Christ Jesus, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

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Midweek Advent Vespers
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“Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.” St. Luke 1:45

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”* Δ TLH 63

Stand

The Opening Versicles

TLH p. 41

The Psalmody

Psalm 98

The Psalter, p. 130

Sit

The Lection

Romans 1:16-25

St. Luke 1:36-56

The Response

(After each reading)

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The Responsory

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The Hymn

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

TLH 72

The Sermon

When Elizabeth Heard the Greeting of Mary

The Office Hymn

“My Soul doth Magnify the Lord”

TLH 275

Stand

The Versicle

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The Canticle

“The Magnificat”

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The Litany

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Psalm 70

INSERT

The Lord’s Prayer

The Salutation

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The Collect for the Day

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The Collect for Advent

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The Collect for Ember Wednesday

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Other Collects *(if necessary)*

The Collect for Peace

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The Litany Collect

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The Benedicamus

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The Benediction

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Silent Prayer

The Recitation of the Catechism The Sacrament of the Altar & Questions 32-51 (Introduction to the Enchiridion, pages 58-60).

* *An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.*

Romans 1:16-25

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

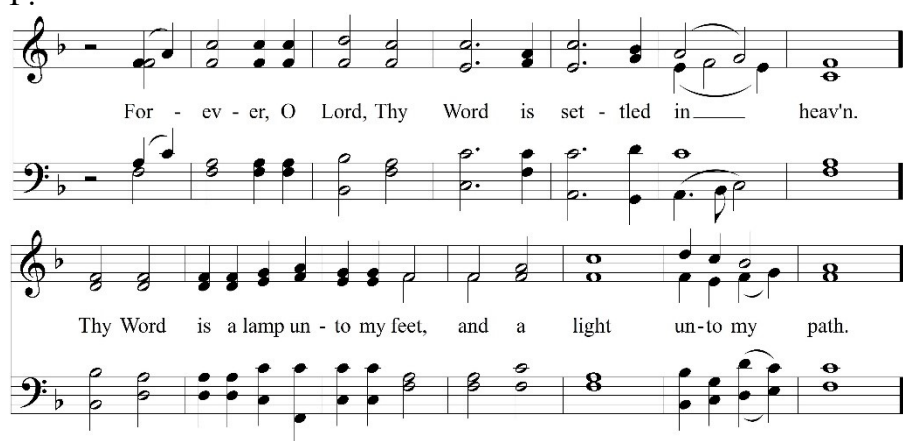
St. Luke 1:36-56

³⁶ “Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible.” ³⁸ Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed

from her. ³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.” ⁴⁶ And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵ as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.” ⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

The Responary

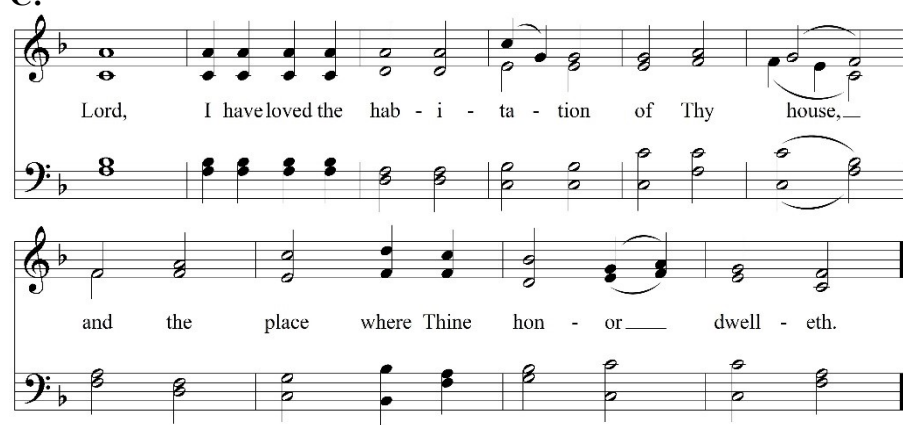
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For - ev - er, O Lord, Thy Word is set - tled in heav'n.

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

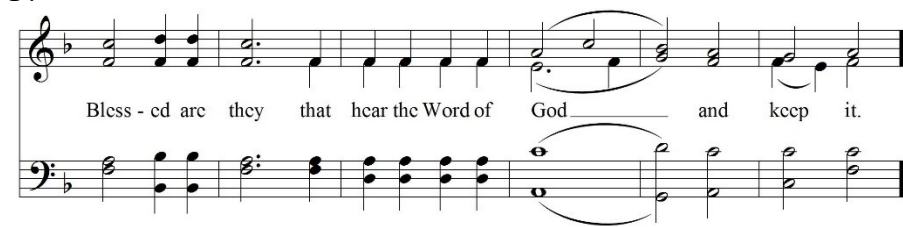
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Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

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

P:



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

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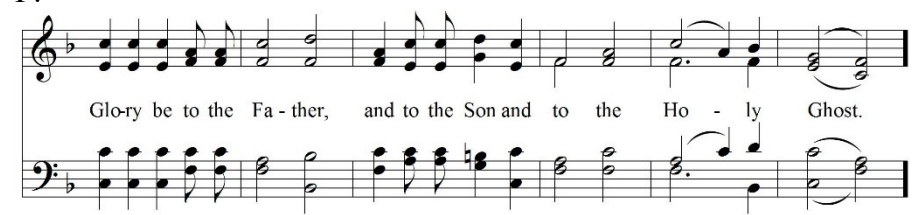


Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —



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

P:



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

C:



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



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

Psalm 70—*Deus, in adiutorium*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

Psalm Tone IV Flex



Antiphon: || ¹ Make haste, O God, | to | de- | *liv-er* · | me! *
Make haste | to | help | me, | O | Lord!

|| ² Let them be ashamed and confounded who | seek | my | life; | - *
Let them be turned back and confused | who | de- | sire | my |
hurt.

|| ³ Let them be turned back because of their | shame, | who | say, | - *
“A- | — | ha, | a- | — | ha!”

|| ⁴ Let all those who seek You rejoice and be | glad | in | You; | - *
And let those who love Your salvation say continually, “Let |
God | be | mag- | ni- | fied!”

|| ⁵ But I am poor and need -y; (+) Make haste to | me, | O | God! | - *
You are my help and my deliverer; O | Lord, | do | not | de- | lay.

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.

Antiphon: || Make haste, O God, | to | de- | *liv-er* · | me! *
Make haste | to | help | me, | O | Lord!