

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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Midweek Lenten Vespers
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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

The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”</i>	TLH 149
<i>Stand</i>		
The Opening Versicles		TLH p. 41
The Gloria Patri	<i>(Omit Hallelujah)</i>	TLH p. 41
The Psalmody	Psalm 139 <i>(Tone 6)</i>	The Psalter, p. 195
	Psalm 37	The Psalter, p. 48
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lection		2 Peter 1:2-11 St. John 6:36-51
The Response	<i>(After each reading)</i>	TLH p. 42
The Responsory		INSERT
The Hymn	<i>“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”</i>	TLH 154
The Sermon	<i>I Will Raise Him Up at the Last Day</i>	
The Offering		
The Office Hymn	<i>“When o’er My Sins I Sorrow”</i>	TLH 152
<i>Stand</i>		
The Versicle		TLH p. 43
The Canticle	<i>“The Magnificat”</i>	TLH p. 43
The Litany		INSERT
The Salutation		TLH p. 45
The Collect for Laetare		Back Cover
The Collect for the Season of Lent		Back Cover
Other Collects <i>(if necessary)</i>		
The Collect for Peace		TLH p. 45
The Litany Collect		INSERT
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 45
The Benediction		TLH p. 45
Silent Prayer		
Recitation of the Catechism		
The Ten Commandments & Question 312 (The Work of Christ, page 101).		

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

2 Peter 1:2-11

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ 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, ⁴ 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. ⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ 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

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

not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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.” ⁴¹ The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” ⁴² 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?’” ⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ 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. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ 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. | —

Psalm 37

Psalm Tone VIII Flex



P: COM- MIT || your way to the | Lord, | - *

C: Trust also in Him, and He shall | bring | it | to | pass.

P: || Do not fret because of evil- | do- | ers, *

C: Nor be envious of the workers | of | in- | *i-qui-* | ty.

P: || For they shall soon be cut down like the | grass, | - *

C: And wither | as | the | green | herb.

P: || Trust in the Lord, and do | good; | - *

C: Dwell in the land, and feed on | His | faith- | ful- | ness.

P: || Delight yourself also in the | Lord, | - *

C: He shall give you the de- | sires | of | your | heart.

P: || Commit your way to the | Lord, | - *

C: Trust also in Him, and He shall | bring | it | to | pass.

P: || He shall bring forth your righteousness as the | light, | - *

C: And your justice | as | the | noon- | day.

P: || Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently | for | Him; *

C: Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wick- | ed | schemes | to | pass.

P: || Cease from anger, and forsake | wrath; | - *

C: Do not fret—it on- | ly | caus- | es | harm.

P: || For evildoers shall be cut | off; | - *

C: But those who wait on the Lord, they shall in- | her- | it | the | earth.

P: || For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no | more; | - *

C: Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it | shall | be | no | more.

P: || But the meek shall inherit the | earth, | - *

C: And shall delight themselves in the a- | bun- | dance | of | peace.

P: || The wicked plots against the | just, | - *

C: And gnashes at | him | with | his | teeth.

P: || The Lord laughs | at | him, *

C: For He sees that his | day | is | com- | ing.

P: || The wicked have drawn the | sword | - *

C: And | have | bent | their | bow,

P: || To cast down the poor and | need- | y, *

C: To slay those who are of | up- | right | con- | duct.

P: || Their sword shall enter their own | heart, | - *

C: And their bows | shall | be | brok- | en.

P: || A little that a righteous man | has | - *

C: Is better than the riches of | man- | y | wick- | ed.

P: || For the arms of the wicked shall be | bro- | ken, *

C: But the Lord up- | holds | the | right- | eous.

P: || The Lord knows the days of the | up- | right, *

C: And their inheritance shall | be | for- | ev- | er.

P: || They shall not be ashamed in the evil | time, | - *

C: And in the days of famine they shall | be | sat- | is- | fied.

P: || But the wicked shall per-*ish*; (+) And the enemies of the Lord, like the splendor of the | mea- | dows, *

C: Shall vanish. Into smoke they shall | van- | ish | a- | way.

P: || The wicked borrows and does not re- | pay, | - *

C: But the righteous shows | mer- | cy | and | gives.

P: || For those blessed by Him shall inherit the | earth, | - *

C: But those cursed by Him | shall | be | cut | off.

P: || The steps of a good man are ordered by the | Lord, | - *

C: And He de- | lights | in | his | way.

P: || Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast | down; | - *

C: For the Lord upholds | him | with | His | hand.

P: || I have been young, and now am | old; | - *

C: Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descen- | dants | beg- | ging | bread.

P: || He is ever merciful, and | lends; | - *

C: And his de- | scen- | dants | are | blessed.

P: || Depart from evil, and do | good; | - *

C: And dwell | for- | ev- | er- | more.

P: || For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; They are preserved for- | ev- | er, *

C: But the descendants of the wicked | shall | be | cut | off.

P: || The righteous shall inherit the | land, | - *

C: And dwell in | it | for- | ev- | er.

P: || The mouth of the righteous speaks | wis- | dom, *

C: And his tongue | talks | of | just- | ice.

P: || The law of his God is in his | heart; | - *

C: None of | his | steps | shall | slide.

P: || The wicked watches the | right- | eous, *

C: And | seeks | to | slay | him.

P: || The Lord will not leave him in his | hand, | - *

Psalm Tone VIII Flex



C: Nor condemn him | when | he | is | judged.

P: || Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, (+) and He shall exalt you to inherit the | land; | - *

C: When the wicked are cut off, | you | shall | see | it.

P: || I have seen the wicked in great | pow- | er, *

C: And spreading himself like a | na- | tive | green | tree.

P: || Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no | more; | - *

C: Indeed I sought him, but he | could | not | be | found.

P: || Mark the blameless man, and observe the | up- | right; *

C: For the future of | that | man | is | peace.

P: || But the transgressors shall be destroyed to- | geth- | er; *

C: The future of the wicked | shall | be | cut | off.

P: || But the salvation of the righteous is from the | Lord; | - *

C: He is their strength in the | time | of | trou- | ble.

P: || And the Lord shall help them and de- | liv-er • | them; *

C: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because | they | trust | in | Him.

ALL: GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - *

And to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

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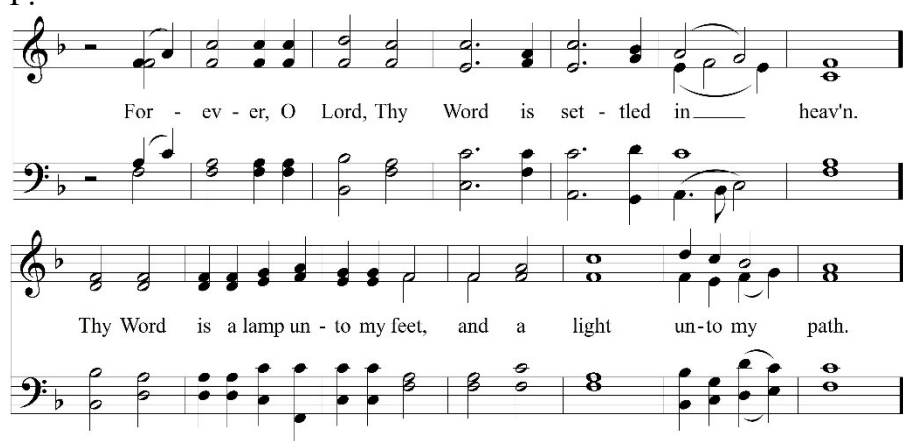
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P: || Commit your way to the | Lord, | - *

C: Trust also in Him, and He shall | bring | it | to | pass.

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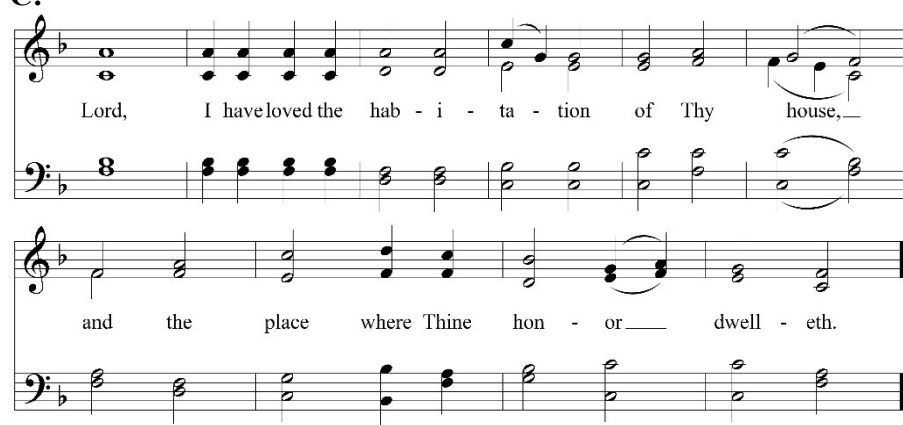
P:



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.

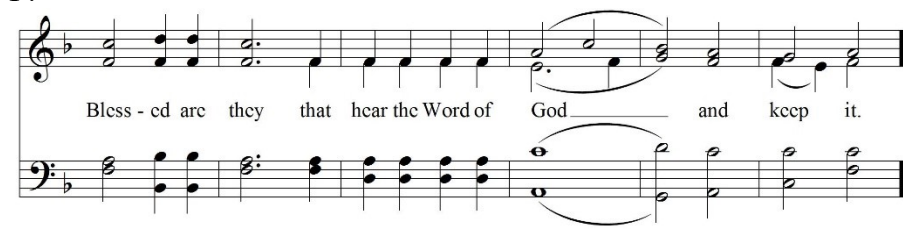
C:



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:



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, —



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