A Service of the Word
Preservice Devotion: Psalm 119:9-16

Opening Welcome & Lighting of the Candles

The Opening Welcome will be marked by three bell tones from the organ. This is followed with the Lighting of the Candles transitioning into the opening hymn.

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation
2 Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay; Death brooded darkly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit
4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world’s foun-

ing, And with united heart and voice And holy
o’er me. Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my
gain-ing; Free will against God’s judgment fought, Dead to all
da tion, And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for

rapture sing-ing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How
mother bore me. But daily deeper still I fell; My
good remain-ing. My fears increased till sheer despair Left
my salvation. He turned to me a father’s heart; He

His right arm the victory won. What price our ransom cost Him!
life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.
only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.
did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure.
INVOCATION
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth

Give glory to God, our light and our life.
O come, let us worship Him.

O Lord, open my lips.
And my mouth shall declare Your praise.

Silent Reflection
(Organist plays one hymn verse in background)

PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE
(Led by Minister)

VERSE OF PROMISE
As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children’s children. – Psalm 103:13-17

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Amen.
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5. He spoke to His beloved Son:
'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,
And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him that he
May live with Thee forever.

6. This Son obeyed His Father's will,
   Was born of virgin mother,
   And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
   He came to be my Brother.
   No garb of pomp or power He wore,
   A servant's form, like mine, He bore,
   To lead the devil captive.

   All glory be to Thee, Lord Christ,
   With Father and the Spirit,
   For You have paid the ransom price,
   And gave to us Your merit
   The angels all with one accord
   Now sing a heavenly anthem chord,
   On earth, redeemed, we join them.

   The Lord be with you.
   And also with you.
   Let us pray...
   Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:8-4:16

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:1-7
PSALM 119:9-16
How can a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed according to Your word.
With my whole heart I have sought You;
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.
Blessed are You, O Lord!
Teach me Your statutes.
With my lips I have declared
All the judgments of Your mouth.
I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
I will meditate on Your precepts,
And contemplate Your ways.
I will delight myself in Your statutes;
I will not forget Your word.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED
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 is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there He will 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
In the shattered bliss of Eden Dawned the day of sacrifice. As our primal parents shuddered

Sin had caused this dreadful price! Faith embarked with this concernment: Only God can cover sin, As He took their leafy garments And He clothed their shame with skin.

2. Days and months and years unfolding Clearly showed what sin had wrought:
Fallen Adam’s children learning Lessons fallen parents taught.
All these sacrificial offerings Crested as a crimson flood:
Patriarchs and priest atoning For their sins with cleansing blood

3. What these sacrifices promised From a God who sought to bless, Came at last– a second Adam– Priest and King of Righteousness: Son of God, incarnate Savior, Son of Man, Both Christ and Lord, Who in naked shame would offer On the cross His blood outpoured

6. Gone the bliss of Eden’s garden, Gone the age of sacrifice; Our the time of grace and favor, Ours the call to paradise!
Ever, Lord, impress upon us: Only You can cover sin– Take our worthless, self-made garments; Clothe our shame and cleanse within.
The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.  

*Philippians 4:7*
1. Almighty God, Thy Word is cast
   Like seed into the ground;
   Now let the dew of heaven descend
   And righteous fruits abound.

2. Let not the foe of Christ and man
   This holy seed remove.
   But give it root in every heart
   To bring forth fruits of love.
   –TLH 49

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING
(Sing while offering is brought forward, remain seated)

3. Let not the world's deceitful cares
   The rising plant destroy,
   But let it yield a hundredfold
   The fruits of peace and joy.

4. Oft as the precious seed is sown,
   Thy quickening grace bestow
   That all whose souls the truth receive
   Its saving power may know.

   PRAYERS

   BENEDICTION

   CLOSING HYMN
(See Below)

   ANNOUNCEMENTS
   ✤ CLOSING DOXOLOGY ✤

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Onward, Christian Soldiers

1 Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
2 Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
4 Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,

With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:

Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
We are not divided, All one body we,
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;

Forward into battle See His banners go!
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.
We have Christ’s own promise, And that cannot fail.
This through countless ages Men and angels sing.

Refrain

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,

With the cross of Jesus Going on before.