A Service of the Word

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 3

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.



INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 139

O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

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

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.

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.

(Pause for Prayer)

Let us pray,

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

VERSE OF PROMISE: Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

INTROIT

O LORD, I have trusted in Your mercy:

my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord:

because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord:

how long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

SING (TLH 508)

☐ Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might! Boundless as ocean's tide, Rolling in fullest pride, Thro' the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

COLLECT Let us pray,

O God, You are the Strength of all who put their trust in You:

Mercifully accept our prayers; grant us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You, both in will and deed, for through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without You;

(ALL JOIN:) We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 8:4-15 Isaiah 55:8-11

GRADUAL

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me:
heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.
Blessed is He who considers the poor,
I the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

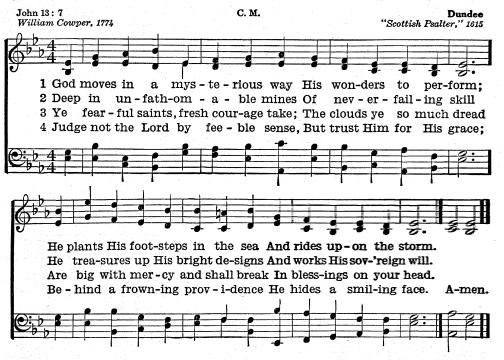
O Lord my God, in You do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me. Hallelujah.

THE NICENE CREED I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation. came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

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God Moves in a Mysterious Way



- 5 His purposes will ripen fast,
 Unfolding every hour;
 The bud may have a bitter taste,
 But sweet will be the flower.
- 6 Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain; God is His own Interpreter, And He will make it plain.

"Let Me Tell You Something" – Summer Series on Parables in Luke
"Let Me Tell You Something"
Luke 8:4-15

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen. *Philippians 4:7*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
Uphold with Your Spirit free.
(WS Setting 2 - p16)

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

- TLH 442

PRAYERS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN (Below)

THIS SUMMER FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS
WE WILL SING A GOSPEL FOLK SONG ON GUITAR
THEN CLOSING DOXOLOGY

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Matt. 13:3-9, 18-24; Mark 4:3-9, 13-20; Rom. 1:16