

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## THE INVOCATION & THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit to a yoke of slavery; do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence.

**C: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Do not be deceived; God is not mocked.

*(Silence for meditation and self – examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.**

P: The works of the flesh are obvious:

**C: immoral ways, filthy thoughts, shameful deeds, idolatry and sorcery, enmity and strife, jealousy and anger, drunkenness and carousing. For such as these we ask forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

P: According to the will of God our Father, Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free. In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

**C: We have been crucified with Christ. Now we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.**

P: The Lord has put away your sin.

**C: Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

## THE HYMN – “How Deep the Father’s Love”

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

you have prepared for those who love you  
joys beyond understanding.

Pour into our hearts such love for you that,  
loving you above all things,  
we may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN – “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

## THE SERMON: “Try a Little Kindness”

## THE APOSTLES CREED (not spoken on Saturday evening)

*LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:*

**CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of  
the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen


#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,   **People: Hear our prayer.**

#### THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

#### THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

#### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – “We’ve A Story To Tell”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen**

# How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Words and Music by  
Stuart Townend

♩ = 54

**VERSE**

D Em D/F# G D/F# D/A A



1. How deep the Fa - thers love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that  
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no powr, no wis - dom. But

3 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D



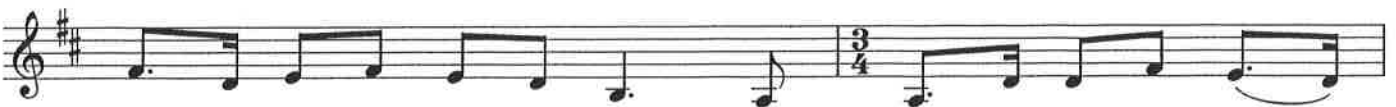
He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
-shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Em D/F# G D/F# Bm A



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
was my sin that held - Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
should I gain from His - re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 D Em D/F# G D/F# A



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -  
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -  
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

9 1, 2. D G/B D/A D G<sup>2</sup> 3. D



-ry. 2. Be - som.  
-ished. 3. I

## **“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

1. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
2. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

## **THY LOVING KINDNESS**

- 1. Thy loving kindness is better than life;  
Thy loving kindness is better than life;  
My lips shall praise Thee,  
Thus will I bless Thee,  
I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.**
- 2. I lift my hands up unto Thy name,  
I lift my hands up unto Thy name;  
My lips shall praise Thee,  
Thus will I bless Thee,  
I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.**

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GUIDANCE AND CARE

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# Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

From *Hymns for the Young*, 1836

Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten-der care;  
2. We are Thine-do Thou be- friend us, Be the Guard-ian of our way;  
3. Thou hast prom-ised to re- ceive us, Poor and sin-ful tho we be;  
4. Ear-ly let us seek Thy fa- vor, Ear-ly let us do Thy will;

In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre- pare:  
Keep Thy flock, from sin de- fend' us, Seek us when we go a- stray:  
Thou hast mer- cy to re- lieve us, Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:  
Bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, With Thy love our bos-oms fill:

Bless-ed Je- sus, Bless-ed Je- sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Bless-ed Je- sus, Bless-ed Je- sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Bless-ed Je- sus, Bless-ed Je- sus, Ear-ly let us turn to Thee;  
Bless-ed Je- sus, Bless-ed Je- sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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## We've a Story to Tell

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1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their  
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their  
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions - That the Lord who  
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions Who the path of

hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, A  
 hearts to the Lord, A song that shall con - quer e - vil And  
 reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us And  
 sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples Might

sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.  
 shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.  
 show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.  
 come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

## CHORUS

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,

And Christ's great king - dom shall come to earth, The king - dom of love and light.