

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: "As I live," says the Lord, "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked should turn from their ways, and live."

C: The Lord God seeks to bless us.

P: Let us therefore make confession of our sins, attentive to the gracious word of our God.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we have sinned against you in our thinking, our speaking, and our doing. We deserve your wrath and punishment. It is only for the sake of your obedient Son, Jesus Christ, that we dare to ask for your forgiveness.

P: God was pleased to reconcile all things to himself by the sacrifice of the cross. The blood of Christ avails!

C: Thanks be to God!

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HYMN – "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you see how busy we are with many things.
Turn us to listen to your teachings
and lead us to choose the one thing which will not be taken from us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

THE SERMON: "Called to Finish What is Finished"

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

I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES

Psalm 89 J.H. Fillmore

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing.**

I will sing.

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.**

**With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness,**

Thy faithfulness.

**With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.**

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing.**


I will sing.

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.**



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Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



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1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"

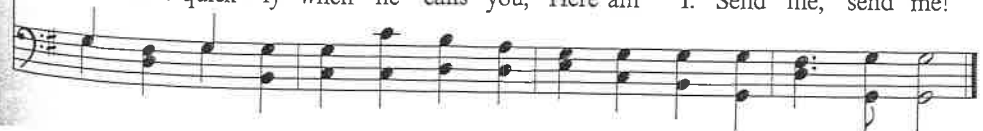
Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing, Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 You can tell the love of Je - sus; You can say he died for all.
 Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
 While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the mas - ter calls for you.

Loud and long the mas - ter calls you; Rich re - ward he of - fers free.
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
 With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God de - mands;
 Take the task he gives you glad - ly; Let his work your plea - sure be.

Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I. Send me, send me?"
 You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
 You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
 An - swer quick - ly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"



Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise, The
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim, To
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears And bids our sor-rows cease, Sings
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-cel'd sin; He sets the pris-'ner free. His



glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of his grace!
spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of your name.
mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.
blood can make the foul-est clean; His blood a-vails for me.



5 To God all glory, praise, and love By saints below and saints above,
Be now and ever giv'n The Church in earth and heav'n.

I Love to Tell the Story

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A. CATHERINE HANKEY, 1834-1911

WILLIAM G. FISCHER, 1835-1912

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove, Of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry- More won - der - ful it seems Than
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry- 'Tis pleas - ant to re - peat What
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best Seem

Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love; I love to
 all the gold - en fan - cies Of all our gold - en dreams; I love to
 seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet; I love to
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest; And when in

tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis true, It sat - is - fies my
 tell the sto - ry- It did so much for me, And that is just the
 tell the sto - ry For some have nev - er heard The mes - sage of sal -
 scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old

REFRAIN

long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
 rea - son I tell it now to thee. I love to tell the sto - ry! 'Twill
 va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
 sto - ry That I have loved so long.

be my theme in glo - ry- To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

We've a Story to Tell

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H. ERNEST NICHOL, 1862-1928

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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.