

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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: “Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord; “for I am God, and there is no other.”

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Saving Lord,

C: **We confess to you our sins of thought, word, and deed, our woeful inadequacy. We have neglected your Word and ignored it. We have built foolishly on sand. Without your help, we perish. Therefore we implore your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. Forgive us our sin and empower us for faithful witness. Turn us, that we may be saved.**

P: The Word of God is near you, on your lips and in your heart – the Word of faith which we proclaim, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. For the sake of his suffering and death, your sins are forgiven. You are saved.

C: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

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THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” Green 297

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “How Firm A Foundation” Green 507

THE SERMON: “What a Difference a Year Makes”

THE APOSTLES 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: Let us pray to the Lord. People: Lord, have mercy.

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 – “The Wise Man Built His House Upon A
Rock” Handout**

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

Salvation unto Us Has Come

1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa -
 2 Theirs was a false, mis - lead - ing dream Who thought God's law was giv -
 3 And yet the Law ful - filled must be, Or we were lost for - ev -
 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in him un - ceas -

vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us
 en That sin - ners might them-selves re - deem And by their works gain
 er; There - fore God sent his Son that he Might us from death de -
 ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope in -

nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for
 heav - en. The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the
 liv - er. He all the Law for us ful - filled, And thus his
 creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; Works serve our

all the world a - tone; He is our me - di - a - tor.
 in - bred sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 Fa - ther's an - ger stilled Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 neigh - bor and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.

Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, E - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, Bells still are
 dwell - ing; High in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly
 ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us
 bless - ing; Hith - er we come to praise his name, Faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— Call - ing the young and old to rest, Call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove Deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, He in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, Mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, Grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

The Solid Rock

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EDWARD MOTE, 1797-1874

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness;
2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace;
3. His oath, His cov-e - nant, His blood Sup-port me in the whelm-ing flood;
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in Him be found,



I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
In ev-'ry high and storm-y gale My an-chor holds with-in the veil.
When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in His right-eous-ness a-lone, Fault-less to stand be-fore the throne.



REFRAIN



On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand- All oth- er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

MATTHEW 7:24-27; LUKE 6:46-49
Ann Omley, 1948

Unknown



1. The wise man built his house up-on the Rock, The wise man built his
2. The fool - ish man built his house up-on the sand, The fool - ish man built his
3. So build your life on the Lord Je - sus Christ, So build your life on the



house up - on the Rock, The wise man built his house up - on the Rock,
house up - on the sand, The fool - ish man built his house up - on the sand,
Lord Je - sus Christ, So build your life on the Lord Je - sus Christ,



And the rains came tum - bling down. The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the rains came tum - bling down. The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the bless - ings will come down. The bless - ings come down as your prayers go up,



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The bless - ings come down as your prayers go up, The bless - ings come down as your



floods came up, But the house on the Rock stood firm.
floods came up, And the house on the sand fell flat.
prayers go up, So build your life on the Lord.