

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

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

P: Is prejudice a problem? Is pride?

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess to you our sinfulness, and our helplessness to escape from it. We regard ourselves more worthy than others. We close our doors to them; we close our hands and hearts, as well. We are wicked; we are doomed to die. We beg your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive our sins, and turn us from our ways.**

P: God has mercy for everyone; God’s love reaches out to all. Jesus Christ was given to die for us; for his sake our sins are forgiven, and we shall live! Our God has turned to us in love.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - “In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given great and precious promises to those who believe.
Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

THE SERMON: “Gifts That Can’t Be Taken Away”

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 – “I Will Sing of the Mercies”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

In My Heart There Rings a Melody

1. I have a song that Je - sus gave me, It was sent from
 2. I love the Christ who died on Cal - v'ry, For He washed my
 3. 'Twill be my end - less theme in glo - ry, With the an - gels

heav'n a - bove; There nev - er was a sweet - er mel - o - dy, 'Tis a
 sins a - way; He put with - in my heart a mel - o - dy, And I
 I will sing; 'Twill be a song with glo - rious har - mo - ny, When the

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mel - o - dy of love.
 know it's there to stay. In my heart there rings a mel - o - dy,
 courts of heav - en ring.

There rings a mel - o - dy with heav - en's har - mo - ny; In my

heart there rings a mel - o - dy; There rings a mel - o - dy of love.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us

down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful
 breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy
 ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy
 be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -

mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee
 Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Surely Goodness and Mercy

JOHN W. PETERSON, 1921-
and ALFRED B. SMITH, 1916-JOHN W. PETERSON, 1921-
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1. A pil-grim was I, and a - wan - d'ring, In the cold night of
2. He re - stor - eth my soul when I'm wea - ry, He giv - eth me
3. When I walk thru the dark lone - some val - ley, My Sav - ior will

sin I did roam, When Je - sus the kind Shep - herd found me, And
strength day by day; He leads me be - side the still wa - ters, He
walk with me there; And safe - ly His great hand will lead me To the

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now I am on my way home.
guards me each step of the way. Surely good - ness and mer - cy shall
man - sions He's gone to pre - pare.

fol - low me All the days, all the days of my life; Surely good - ness

and mer - cy shall fol - low me All the days, all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for - ev - er, And I shall feast at the

ta - ble spread for me; Surely good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me

All the days, all the days of my life, All the days, all the days of my life.

Jesus Loves Me

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ANNA B. WARNER, 1820-1915

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

1. Je-sus loves me! this I know, For the Bi-ble tells me so. Lit-tle
2. Je-sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gate to o-pen wide; He will
3. Je-sus loves me! He will stay Close be-side me all the way; Thou hast

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ones to Him be-long, They are weak but He is strong.
wash a-way my sin, Let His lit-tle child come in. Yes, Je-sus loves me!
bled and died for me, I will hence-forth live for Thee.

Yes, Je-sus loves me! Yes, Je-sus loves me! The Bi-ble tells me so.

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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