

## Responding to God's Word

### Offering

### Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn 128** Sometime a light surprises

**Prayers of the People** *Shirley Ashton*

**Closing Hymn 687** God gives us a future

### Benediction

**Blessing 778** Shalom to you now

### Postlude

**Organist** John Hughes



## ORDER OF SERVICE Sunday 14th January 2024 Epiphany 2



*“The Message of Christmas”*

**Notices and Welcome**

**Introduction and Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Invocation**

### Gathering to Praise God

**Pause for Thought** *“What Lies Ahead?”*  
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**Hymn 183** Sing of the Lord's Goodness

**Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

*In God is love. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Responsive Reading The Promise of God**  
(Psalm 139 verses 1—6 and 13—18)

<sup>1</sup>You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

<sup>13</sup>For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, God. How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—When I awake, I am still with you.

*This is the Word of the Lord*  
*Thanks be to God*

**Passing the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you all:

**And also with you.**

*Let us share a sign of the Peace with those near us.*

**Listening to God's Word.**

**First Lesson** 1 Samuel chapter 3 Verses 1-10

*This is the Word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God* Pam Tickell

**Hymn** 47 Our God, our help in ages past.

**Second Lesson** John Chapter 1 Verses 43—51

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

*Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.*

*Caroline Turner*

**Musical Interlude** "O Holy Night"

Sissel Kyrkjebø

*For yonder breaks a new and glorious dawn!*

*Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices*

*O night divine, O night when Christ was born!*

**Sermon** "The Message of Christmas"

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