# Order of Service

#### **The Sentences, Introduction and Opening Prayers**

**All:** **Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**  **Amen**

**Hymn:** The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters,

his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,*

*and I will trust in you alone,*

*for your endless mercy follows me,*

*your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,

and he anoints my head with oil,

and my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one,

for you are with me, and your rod and staff

are the comfort I need to know.

**The Scriptural Reading:** Matthew 5. 1-12 (The Beatitudes)

**The Address**

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer:**

**Hymn:** I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin

my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?*

*I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go Lord, if you lead me.*

*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people’s pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord...*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts are satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord...*

**The Commendation:** *(please remain standing)*

**All: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Recessional music: High by Lighthouse Family