

**St Andrew's and St George's West  
Order of Service, 12th February 2023**

**'Songs for Troubled Times': Psalm 139**



**Gathering music**

**Welcome and Notices**

**Call to worship**

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord  
**my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**  
The heavens bear witness to your wonders;  
**I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.**  
The assembly of your saints proclaims your truth;  
**my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.  
**I will sing forever of your love, O Lord,  
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

*(from Psalm 89)*

**Hymn**

**CH4 192** All my hope on God is founded

## Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven.  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us in the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you  
**and also with you**

## Hymn

**CH4 461** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

## Scripture Readings (NRSV)

### Psalm 139: 1-18

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- <sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and night wraps itself around me,"

- <sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.
- <sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.
- <sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

## **Music**

### **Matthew 7: 24-27**

<sup>24</sup> “Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

**Hymn: CH4 97** O God, you search me and you know me

**Reflection:** *Finding ourselves in God*

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn: CH4 154** O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder

**Sending and blessing**

**Sending music**

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