

**Liturgy Statements and Hymns for
Isaiah 8:11-22
God's Counsel for a Difficult Ministry**

The Hymn Numbers are from the red New Trinity Hymnal.

Prelude Meditation

1 Peter 3:14-16

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:6-9

6 *Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."*

7 *Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,"*

8 *and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.*

9 *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 342

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Offertory Statement

1 Timothy 6:9-10

NKJ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Psalter

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Psalm 27:1-6; Tune: TH#181

Tune Title: "We Come, O Christ, to You"

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Luke 6:47-48

NKJ Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

***Hymn**

No. **670**

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 8:11-22

11 *For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying:*

12 *"Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.*

13 *The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.*

14 *He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*

15 *And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken."*

16 *Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*

17 *And I will wait on the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will hope in Him.*

18 *Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion.*

19 *And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?*

20 *To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*

21 *They will pass through it hard pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward.*

22 *Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they will be driven into darkness.*

Sermon

"God's Counsel for a Difficult Ministry"

***Hymn of Response**

No. **673**

"Cast Your Burden on the Lord"

Benediction

Jude 24-25

NKJ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.