



## National Hymnal Week: Service Outline

### Notes

- The whole service will be made available for congregational use in a pre-printed bulletin Word document which you can adapt for use in your local setting. Music will be printed melody line only. Reprinting of any copyrighted text and/or music requires that your congregation have a reprint license (such as [OneLicense](#)) and that you report accordingly.
- Keyboard accompaniment will be made available upon request\* for all new hymnal music in this service.
- For those items available in our current hymnal and hymnal supplement, congregations should make use of their existing accompaniment editions.
- For those selections marked **MR**, musical resources will be made available upon request\* for instrumental variety (e.g., guitar, solo instrument, percussion, etc.) to enable congregations to make good use of their qualified musicians for this special service.
- Audio recordings for all music in this service will be made available upon request\* for those congregations who don't have any musicians who can accompany worship.
- To help congregations sing portions of the service that are new to them, we'll help you recruit and prepare Trained Helper(s) (**TH**) (choir, soloist, or small group) from your own congregation for portions of the service, as indicated below.
- The outline for this service—specifically the manner in which the TH and MR introduce new material—can serve as a model for introducing other new material when congregations begin using the new hymnal and psalter.
- If you're following the current three-year lectionary, we recommend making a swap. On September 19, use the readings listed below in the outline for the National Hymnal Week service. On September 26, use the readings you would have used on September 19 (Isaiah 50:4-10, James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18, Mark 8:27-35).

\* To request the music your congregation needs, please take [this quick survey](#). Due to copyright, the music will not be posted publicly.

### Comments

The National Hymnal Week church service aims to highlight what is wonderful and glorious about Christ-centered worship on any given Sunday. The theme and Scripture readings for our “special” service on September 19 are simply those appointed for September 19 in the new [Christian Worship Lectionary](#). But don't miss the glorious good news of the day! See how clearly our Savior displays his servant heart in the Gospel (Mark 9:30-37)! See how winsomely he inspires that same humility in the hearts and lives of his followers!

Each congregation is invited to use September 19 as an opportunity to redouble their ongoing efforts at humble service in worship in Jesus' name. "Humble" doesn't mean "Hide your gifts." In his humility, our Savior gave his best—he gave himself. Without seeking any attention for ourselves, let's bring our best gifts to God that day: our preaching, our singing, our music.

You can use this outline not just to plan your worship for September 19. Use it as a devotional guide. Let Mark's inspired message of our Savior's humble service inspire the same in you. Let the message about Christ in the familiar text of each liturgical song dwell in you richly. The goal in planning this service is not to make it seem like Easter on September 19. The goal is to make September 19 be the best it can be, by supporting and adorning the message about Christ with the best gifts your congregation can offer.

## OUTLINE

September 19th, Proper 20B

Theme: **Christian Leaders are Humble Servants**

**Order of service**

**The Service, Setting 2**

*Musical setting: Marty Haugen*

**Opening Hymn**

**How Deep the Father's Love For Us**

st. 1 by **TH**, remaining stanzas by congregation

**Invocation**

**Confession/Absolution**

***Lord, Have Mercy***

cantor part = pastor or **TH**

congregation part = **TH**, **TH**, cong., cong.

***Glory to God***

**MR**

first "refrain" = **TH**, following refrains = cong. "verses" = **TH**

**Prayer of the Day**

**First Reading** Numbers 12:1-15

Psalm of the Day **MR**

Psalm 115 from *Christian Worship Psalter*  
first refrain = **TH**, following refrains = cong.  
verses responsively **TH** & cong. by whole verse

Second Reading James 3:13-18

Gospel Acclamation

first refrain + verse by **TH**  
second refrain by cong.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Hymn  
Sermon

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way **MR**  
Mark 9:30-37

Creed

Prayer of the Church

*If no Communion, service ends with*

**Musical Offering: Congregation sings *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei***

Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Collect

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Hymn: In Christ Alone **MR**

*If Communion is offered, service ends with*

Offering

Preface

Proper Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

sung by **TH**, then repeated by cong.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

*O Christ, Lamb of God*

Phrase 1 **TH**, Phrases 2-3 by congregation

Distribution Hymn(s)

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us  
In Christ Alone **MR**  
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Blessing

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