

**Liturgy Statements and Hymns for
Psalm 39:1-13
A Meditation and Prayer for the New Year**

The Hymn Numbers are from the red New Trinity Hymnal.

All the liturgy statements for the morning worship point to a new beginning with a new commitment to Christ. We must forget the past and press ahead to the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. We must praise the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. We must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. The morning hymns point to the transience of this life and the hope of the future.

Prelude Meditation

Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, . . . forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

NKJ Praise the LORD!

*Praise, O servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the
LORD!*

*Blessed be the name of the
LORD*

*From this time forth and
forevermore!*

*From the rising of the sun to
its going down*

*The LORD's name is to be
praised.*

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 30

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Offertory Statement

Matthew 6:31-33

NKJ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

***Hymn**

No. 540

"A Few More Years Shall Roll"

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 39:1-13

1 *I said, "I will guard my ways, lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, while the wicked are before me."*

2 *I was mute with silence, I held my peace even from good; and my sorrow was stirred up.*

3 *My heart was hot within me; while I was musing, the fire burned. Then I spoke with my tongue:*

4 *"LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am.*

5 *Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Selah*

6 *Surely every man walks about like a shadow; surely they busy themselves in vain; he heaps up riches, and does not know who will gather them.*

7 *"And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You.*

8 *Deliver me from all my transgressions; do not make me the reproach of the foolish.*

9 *I was mute, I did not open my mouth, because it was You who did it.*

10 *Remove Your plague from me; I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.*

11 *When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity, you make his beauty melt away like a moth; surely every man is vapor. Selah*

12 *"Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; do not be silent at my tears; for I am a stranger with You, a sojourner, as all my fathers were.*

13 *Remove Your gaze from me, that I may gain strength, before I go away and am no more."*

Sermon

"A Meditation and Prayer for the New Year"

***Hymn of Response**

No. 546

"The Sands of Time Are Sinking"

Benediction

Psalm 23:6

NKJ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life; and may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Amen.