LITURGY: PSALM 116

(Congregation Seated)

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of the grave laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord; O Lord I pray, save my life.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. *The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought love, he saved me.*

Return O my soul to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';

HYMN COME, YOU DISCONSOLATE (#548 Red Hymnal)

Come, you disconsolate, where-e'er you languish Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing Forth from the throne of God, pure from above; Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? *I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. *I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.*

O Lord, I am your servant; You have loosed my bonds. *I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.*

(Congregation Standing)

