

## Cupcake Girls

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### Pre- Arrangements:

- Make multiple cupcakes for each woman (at least two would make it interesting; more per person might make it more fun)\*
- Have a variety of colored icing and decorations on hand for cupcake decorating
- Ask ladies to bring decorating tips, and icing bags.\*\*

\*Another option is to ask ladies to bring several of their own pre-baked, un-decorated cupcakes.

\*\*Another option for icing bags is to fold waxed paper and tape it into a funnel shape, snip off the end just enough for the decorating tip to fit.

Give three prizes for the winners of the cupcake competition

### Arrangements:

- Set up tables so that women have space to decorate cupcakes
- Have small place cards for ladies to 'name' their cupcake
- Set up a display area for the cupcake competition
- Have 3 voting tags for each woman (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)
- When cupcakes are on display, set a bowl beside each cupcake for the voting tags

### Introduction:

While not all of us may like to bake, I'm sure there must be a creative aspect in our being somewhere. In this meeting we have an opportunity to unleash our creative side as we decorate cupcakes and enter our best effort in a competition to see who will be crowned the "Queen of the Cupcakes".

**Song:**            *What a fellowship*        (Salvation Army Songbook 768)

**Responsive Scripture Reading:**    **Psalm 139 selected verses (TEV)**  
(See attached Scripture Reading)

**Chorus:**        *Spirit of the Living God*        (Salvation Army Songbook Chorus Section 53)



**Devotional:            God's Cupcake**



The chorus *Spirit of the Living God* reminds me of cupcakes. Envision a cupcake. Now, think about the words “break me, melt me, mold me, fill me”. Can’t you just envision that wondrously delicious cupcake, with such a smooth and tasty filling, ready to be broken and then to melt in your mouth, as it takes on a new form before it is swallowed? You’ll never be able to sing that chorus again, without remembering a cupcake!

What wondrous cupcakes we are! And God has made us all! In Psalm 139: 13, in extending his praise to God the Creator, the psalmist acknowledges the truth: “*You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother’s womb.*” And then, like a baker who tests the cupcakes to see if they are fully baked and after they are baked does a little taste test, the psalmist asks the Creator to do the same thing: “*Examine me, O God, and know my mind; test me, and discover my thoughts. Find out if there is any evil in me and guide me in the everlasting way*” (Psalm 139: 23-24, TEV).

I wonder if, as God’s looks at our lives, does he see us as that delicious cupcake? I wonder if we are willing to present ourselves to him like a shapeless batter, so that it is he who forms us into a most delicious cupcake, one that has an infilling of the Holy Spirit, and on the outside is decorated with the joy of the Lord? I wonder if our lives give off a pleasing aroma that draws people to us and entices them to partake of the goodness that the Master Baker has placed in our lives? I wonder, when we become broken by the circumstances of life, does our lives continue to give off that pleasing aroma?

May it be our personal prayer, as we place ourselves in the hands of the Master Baker: Lord, “*break me, melt me, mold me and fill me*” so that my life becomes the most delicious and appealing cupcake.

**Unison Prayer:**

Like the psalmist, we acknowledge that you are the Master Creator;  
We place ourselves in your hands, for it is there only  
that we are can be made into the beautiful creation that you intend for us to be.

Lord, come examine us— test us— to ensure that our lives exemplify you.  
Help us to live as worthy followers of Jesus Christ.  
Break us, look inside us—do your work within us—fill us with the Holy Spirit.

We give praise and thanks to you, O God  
For you have examined us and you know all about us  
And you love us still!            Amen.

**Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 139 selected verses (TEV)**

Leader: Lord, you have examined me and you know me.  
People: You know everything I do; from far away you understand all my thoughts.  
Leader: You see me, whether I am working or resting;  
People: You know all my actions.  
Leader: Even before I speak, you already know what I will say.  
People: You are all round me on every side; you protect me with your power.  
Leader: Your knowledge of me is too deep;  
People: It is beyond my understanding.  
Leader: You created every part of me;  
People: You put me together in my mother's womb.  
Leader: Examine me, O God, and know my mind;  
People: Test me, and discover my thoughts.  
Leader: Find out if there is any evil in me

**Chorus:** *Come, beautiful Christ* (Salvation Army Songbook Chorus Section 61)

**Cupcake Competition Instructions:**

- Give women time to decorate their cupcakes
- Each woman must choose 'one' cupcake to be entered into the competition
- Each woman is to 'name' their cupcake, write the name on the name tag and then place it next to their cupcake on the display table.
- Give each woman three voting tags for which she must choose first place, second place, and a third place winner in the cupcake competition.
- When the votes are counted, give a prize to each of the three top winners—making a special presentation to the first runner up— Queen of the Cupcakes

