

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 8.1-9

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
People: Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
You have established strength because of your foes,
To still the enemy and the avenger.
Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
People: What is man that you are mindful of him,
And the son of man that you care for him?
Leader: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
And crowned him with glory and honor.
People: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
Leader: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
People: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Let's worship the LORD!

Greeting: Ruth 2.4

Leader: The LORD be with you!
People: The LORD bless you.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
Trinity Hymnal #195

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Matthew 22.35-40

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Matthew 20.28

Jesus...said, “...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Trinity Hymnal #196

Advent Reading of Joy Luke 2.1-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn of Meditation: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Trinity Hymnal #203

Prayer of Intercession:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* Children dismissed for Little Church

Hymn of Preparation: Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless
Trinity Hymnal #239

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7.1-14

Sermon: He Comes as the Son of Man

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of Response: Go Tell It on the Mountain
Trinity Hymnal #224

Benediction: Numbers 6.24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.