

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*“In him a holiness complete, Light and perfections shine;  
And wisdom, grace, and glory meet; A Savior all divine.” - John Newton*

**Prelude** *Handbell Choir*

### *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

**Call to Worship:** *Romans 11.33-36*

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**People:** “For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”  
“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

Leader: For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever.

**All:** Let’s worship the Lord!

**Greeting:** *2 Thessalonians 3.18*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**People: And also with you!**

### *Prayer of Invocation*

**Hymn of Praise:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Trinity Hymnal #208*

### *God Cleanses Us by His Grace*

**Conviction of the Gospel:** *Proverbs 3.5-7*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

### *Confession of Sin*

**Comfort of the Gospel:** *1 Corinthians 1.21-24*

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### *God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer*

**Hymn of Thanksgiving:** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear  
Trinity Hymnal #200*

**Advent Reading of Faith:** *Luke 1.39-56*

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

And Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”  
And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

**Hymn of Meditation:** *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child  
Trinity Hymnal #229*

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### *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*

### *God Counsels Us through His Word*

**Scripture Reading:** *Proverbs 8.22-31*

**Sermon:** *He Comes as the Wise Man*

### *God Communes with Us in the Sacrament*

**Profession of Faith:** *Heidelberg Catechism #31*

Q: Why is He called Christ, that is, anointed?

**A: Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who ever lives to make intercession for us with the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.**

**Hymn of Preparation:** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Trinity Hymnal #193*

### *Sursum Corda:*

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

### *Prayer of Adoration and Assistance*

**Invitation to the Table:** *Proverbs 9.1, 5*

**Fencing of the Table:** *1 Corinthians 11.27-32*

**Words of Institution:** *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

### *Distribution*

### *God Commissions Us to Serve Him*

**Hymn of Response:** *Good Christian Men, Rejoice!  
Trinity Hymnal #207*

**Benediction:** *Leviticus 26.11-12*

“I will make my dwelling among you. I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.”