

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“...we are loved by God no less than Jesus was loved by God.” (Derek Thomas)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Leader: Sing to him a new song;
Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the LORD is upright,
And all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

People: Let's worship the LORD!

Greeting:

2 Corinthians 13:14

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
Of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Doxology:

Trinity Hymnal #731

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Trinity Hymnal #302**

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law:

Matthew 22:36-40

“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:

Based on Psalm 51:10-12

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Comfort of the Gospel:

Matthew 20:28

“...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, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

**O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!
Trinity Hymnal #535**

Professions of Faith:

**Jack Blossom
Mike Blossom
Bill & Karen Blossom**

Song of Meditation:

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

Prayer of Intercession:

The Lord's Prayer

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 to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, you provide for our every need. You feed our bodies and our souls, yet we hunger to know and love you more and more. Nourish us with your Word today. Through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Galatians 5:13-15

Sermon:

Free to Love

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed:

The Belgic Confession

Article 24: The Sanctification of Sinners

We believe that this true faith, produced in us by the hearing of God's Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live a new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin. Therefore, far from making people cold toward living in a pious and holy way, this justifying faith, quite to the contrary, so works within them that apart from it they will never do a thing out of love for God but only out of love for themselves and fear of being condemned. So then, it is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being, seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith but of what Scripture calls “faith working through love,” which moves people to do by themselves the works that God has commanded in the Word.

Hymn of Response:

**We Are God's People
Trinity Hymnal #355**

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.