

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

What is the essence, heart, and core of the Spirit’s work today? ...the Spirit makes known the personal presence in and with the Christian and the church of the risen, reigning Savior, the Jesus of history, who is the Christ of faith. (J.I. Packer)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 145.1-3, 13-14, 19, 21

Leader: I will extol you my God and King
And bless your name forever and ever.
People: Every day I will bless you
And praise your name forever and ever.
Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
And his greatness is unsearchable.
People: The LORD is faithful in all his words
And kind in all his works.
Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling
And raises up all who are bowed down.
People: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
He also hears their cry and saves them.
Leader: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.
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.
People: And also with you!

Gloria Patri: Trinity Hymnal #734

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Come, Thou Almighty King
Trinity Hymnal #101

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: John 16.7-11

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

Confession of Sin: Adapted from The Valley of Vision

O God the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, have mercy on me. When you first hovered over chaos, order came to birth, beauty robed the world, fruitfulness sprang forth. Move, I pray, upon my disordered heart; take away the infirmities of unruly desires and hateful lusts; lift the mists and darkness of unbelief; brighten my soul with the pure light of truth; make it fragrant as the garden of paradise, rich with every good fruit.... ...take of the things of Christ and show them to my soul; through you may I daily learn more of his love, grace, compassion, faithfulness, beauty; lead me to the cross and show me his wounds, the hateful nature of evil, the power of Satan.... Help me find in his death the reality and immensity of his love. ... Write [it] upon my heart, that my walk [may] be sin-loathing, sin-fleeing, Christ-loving.... Amen.

Comfort of the Gospel: John 3.16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come, O Come, Thou Holy Spirit

Come, O come Thou Holy Spirit / Light and life Thy grace imparts
Blessed Source of consolation / Guide our minds and fill our hearts
Grant my mind and my affections / Wisdom, counsel, purity
That I may be ever seeking / Only that which pleases Thee
Only that which pleases Thee

Savior lead us to adore Thee / By the true and living way
Then with angel hosts before Thee / May we worship, love and praise
Dwell within us, precious Spirit / Where Thou art no ill can come
Bless us now through Jesus’ merit / Reign in every heart and home
Reign in every heart and home

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty / Thou who makest all things new
Make Thy work within me perfect / Help me by Thy word so true
In Thy faith, O make me steadfast / Let not Satan, death or shame
Of my confidence deprive me / Lord, my refuge is Thy name
Lord, my refuge is Thy name

When my final hour approaches / Let my hopes grow yet more bright
Let Thy love which never fails me / Dissipate the gloom of night
From that height which knows no measure / Fairer far than voice can tell
In Thy glorious courts of heaven / There, redeemed by Christ, to dwell
There, redeemed by Christ, to dwell

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: The Worship Sourcebook

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5.16-26

Sermon: Free to Fight

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response: Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Trinity Hymnal #334

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.