

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

There are two ways to live the Christian life. You can live either for the heart of Christ or from the heart of Christ. You can live for the smile of God or from it. For a new identity as a son or daughter of God or from it. For your union with Christ or from it. (Ortland)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 95.6-7

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Trinity #529

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Isaiah 1.1-4

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: “Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master’s crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.” Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged.

Confession of Sin:

Comfort of the Gospel: Isaiah 53.12

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Profession of Faith: Rachel Potts

Hymn of Meditation: O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us
Trinity Hymnal #341

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.

*Children dismissed to Little Church

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 3.21-22

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: With You I’m Well Pleased

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Prayer of Application

Profession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 32. Why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Hymn of Response: My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Trinity Hymnal #528

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.