

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

[God] loves you even when you don't believe he loves you. (Duguid)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 138.1-3, 8

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
Before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple
And give thanks to your name
For your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**

Leader: For you have exalted above all things
Your name and your word.

**People: On the day I called, you answered me;
My strength of soul you increased.**

Leader: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

People: Let's worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

**Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal #295**

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Ephesians 5.15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Ephesians 2.8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

**Like a River Glorious
Trinity Hymnal #699**

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*

Song of Meditation:

Turn, Turn, Turn

Refrain

*To everything turn, turn, turn / There is a season turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under Heaven*

A time to be born, a time to die / A time to plant, a time to reap

A time to kill, a time to heal / A time to laugh, a time to weep **Refrain**

A time to build up, a time to break down / A time to dance, a time to mourn

A time to cast away stones / A time to gather stones together **Refrain**

A time of love, a time of hate / A time of war, a time of peace

A time that you may embrace / A time to refrain from embracing **Refrain**

A time to keep, a time to cast out / A time to rend, a time of sew

A time for love, a time for hate / A time for silence, a time to speak

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Ecclesiastes 3.1-22

Sermon:

Time and Eternity

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q.27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Hymn of Preparation:

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away / Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith / Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life / And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace / Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you / Eat and remember
The wounds that healed the death that brings us life / Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this bread of life / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love / Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you / Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in / To receive the life of God
So we share in this bread of life / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace / Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise / To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ / As His body here on Earth
And we share in his suffering / We proclaim Christ will come again
And with joy in the feast of Heaven / Around the table of the King

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:

John 6.35

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:

**Father, I Know That All My Life
Trinity Hymnal #559**

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.