

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Sometimes we sin big sins. And that’s what Christ’s advocacy is for. It’s God’s way of encouraging us not to throw in the towel. Yes, we fail Christ as disciples. But his advocacy on our behalf rises higher than our sins. His advocacy speaks louder than our failures. (Ortlund)*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 65.1-4

Leader: Praise is due you, O God, in Zion,  
And to you shall vows be performed.

**People: O you who hear prayer,  
To you shall all flesh come.**

Leader: When iniquities prevail against me,  
You atone for our transgressions.

**People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,  
To dwell in your courts!**

Leader: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
The holiness of your temple!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Trinity #295

Crown him with many crowns, / the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns / all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing / of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King / through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; / behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, / in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky / can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye / at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; / whose pow’r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, / absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; / and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend / their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, / the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, / ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! / for thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail / throughout eternity.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

1 John 1.5-6

**This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

1 John 2.1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if any-one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Not What My Hands Have Done  
Trinity #461

Not what my hands have done / can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne / can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do / can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears / can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, / can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, / can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, / not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, / and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, / to me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow’r alone, O Son of God, / can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save thine, / no other blood will do;  
No strength, save that which is divine, / can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; / I rest on love divine;  
And with unfalt’ring lip and heart, / I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; / I bury in his tomb  
Each thought of unbelief and fear, / each ling’ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; / I trust his truth and might;  
He calls me his, I call him mine, / my God, my joy, my light.  
’Tis he who saveth me, / and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, / I live because he lives.

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.**

*\*Children dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 32.1-34.35

Sermon:

Christ, Our Advocate

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith:

The Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1

**It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man; the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Saviour of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

Hymn of Response:

I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
Trinity #690

I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And ever prays for me;  
A token of His love He gives,  
A pledge of liberty.

I find Him lifting up my head;  
He brings salvation near;  
His presence makes me free indeed,  
And He will soon appear.

He wills that I should holy be,  
What can withstand His will?  
The counsel of His grace in me  
He surely shall fulfill.

Jesus, I hang upon Thy word;  
I steadfastly believe  
Thou wilt return and claim me, Lord,  
And to Thyself receive.

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.