# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them."*
*- Elisabeth Elliot*

## God Calls Us to Worship Him

***Call to Worship:*** ***Psalm 46.1-3, 10-11***

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
**People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,**
**though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
**though its waters roar and foam,**
**though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
**People: The Lord of hosts is with us;**
**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
**All: Let's Worship the Lord!**

***Greeting:*** ***Based on Philippians 1.2***

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
**People: And also to you!**

***Prayer of Invocation***

***Hymn of Praise:*** ***Worship Christ the Risen King***
***Trinity Hymnal #286***

## God Cleanses Us by His Grace

***Conviction of the Law:*** ***Isaiah 59:1-2***

**Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.**

***Confession of Sin***

***Comfort of the Gospel:*** ***Romans 5:1, 8-9***

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ… But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

## God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

***Hymn of Thanksgiving:*** ***Before the Throne of God Above***

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
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When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God
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***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*

***Hymn of Meditation Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor***

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance; see His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory and we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endured.

Christ the shore of our salvation ever faithful ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

## God Counsels Us through His Word

***Scripture Reading:*** ***Habakkuk 1:1-5***

***Sermon:*** ***Lord of the Whys***

## God Commissions Us to Serve Him

***Creed:*** ***Heidelberg Catechism***

Q 26: What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

**A: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.**

**I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.**

**God is able to do this because he is almighty God, and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

***Hymn of Response:*** ***Like a River Glorious***
***Trinity Hymnal #699***

***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.