THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord Christ is compared to all that is most glorious and beautiful in his creation. … Among the flowers, Christ is as beautiful and as glorious as the rose and the lily. He is like the rose for the sweetness of its perfume, and like the lily for its beauty.
(John Owen)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: ***Psalm 47:1-9***

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
People: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
A great king over all the earth.
Leader: He subdued peoples under us,
And nations under our feet.
People: He chose our heritage for us,
The pride of Jacob whom he loves.
Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
People: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
Leader: For God is King of all the earth;
Sing praises with a psalm!
People: God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
Leader: The princes of the peoples gather
As the people of the God of Abraham.
People: For the shields of the earth belong to God;
He is highly exalted!

Greeting: ***Jude 2***

Leader: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
People: And also to you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***
Trinity Hymnal #295

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: ***Matthew 22:37-40***

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Confession of Sin: ***Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook***

Almighty God, we confess it's often hard to be your people. You have called us to love You and love others and to continue Jesus' mission to our lost and lonely world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to our broken world. Awaken our souls to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. Enlarge our hearts to Jesus' self-giving love. This we pray in his saving name. Amen.

Comfort of the Gospel: ***Matthew 20:28***

"…the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: ***Rejoice, the Lord is King***
Trinity Hymnal #310

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 (10:30 service only)*

Song of Meditation: ***Fairest Lord Jesus***
Trinity Hymnal #170

God Counsels Us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination: ***based on John 12:21***

Lord God, we wish to see Jesus. By your Spirit's power, give us eyes to see his glory. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading: ***2 Corinthians 2:12-17***

Sermon: ***A Gospel Smell***

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: ***The Nicene Creed***

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of Response: ***Lead On, O King Eternal***
Trinity Hymnal #580

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.

Sending

Leader: Let us go forth into the world,
In the name of Christ and
In the power of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.