

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that “the just shall live by his faith.” Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning, and whereas before the “justice of God” had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressibly sweet in greater love. (Luther)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 98.1-3

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
For he has done marvelous things!

**People: His right hand and his holy arm
Have worked salvation for him.**

Leader: The LORD has made known his salvation;
He has revealed his righteousness
In the sight of the nations.

**People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
To the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
The salvation of our God.**

Greeting:

2 Thessalonians 5.28

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Trinity Hymnal #92**

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Romans 12.1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Romans 1.16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, / Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, / full of pity joined with pow’r;
He is able, He is able, / He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome, / God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, / ev’ry grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money, / come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, / bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry, ‘till you’re better, / you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous, / Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, / Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, / ‘Tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Lo! the incarnate God, ascended, / pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly, / let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, / can do helpless sinners good.
Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, / weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Prayer of Intercession:

The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings: Your Great Name Be Praised (Immortal, Invisible)

Immortal, invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most holy, most glorious the ancient of days
Almighty, victorious Your great name we praise

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light
Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might
Your justice like mountains high soaring above
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

Refrain

*Most Holy, Most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise*

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small
In all life you live Lord, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
Your angels adore you all veiling their sight
All praise we will render oh Father of grace
Till one day in splendor we see face to face. **Refrain**

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Luke 16.14-18

Prayer of Illumination

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear, read, mark, and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, that you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Sermon:

The Only Cause of My Salvation

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed:

The Reformation Solas

**I believe in the Scriptures alone as my final authority for faith and life.
I believe in Christ alone as my only Savior from sin and judgment.
I believe in God’s grace alone as the only reason for my salvation.
I believe in faith alone as the only means by which I can enter into salvation.
I believe in God’s glory alone as the chief end and goal of my life.**

Hymn of Response:

Reformation Hymn

We will trust God’s Word alone, where His perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand while His Truth forever stands.

We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ and His finished sacrifice.

Refrain

*Glory be, glory be to God alone
Through the church He redeemed and made His own.
He has freed us, He will keep us till we’re safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!*

We are saved by grace alone—undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.

We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar, still he reigns forevermore! **Refrain**

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.