THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

...God's knowledge of those who are his is associated with his whole purpose of saving mercy. ... What matters supremely, therefore, is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it—the fact that he knows me. (J.I. Packer)

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!

Greeting: ***Jude 1b-2***

Leader: To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
People: And also to you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***
Trinity Hymnal #164

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: ***Jeremiah 9.23-24***

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: ***Jeremiah 31.33-34***

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: ***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

How deep the Father's love for us, / How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son / To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss – The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One / Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, / My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice / Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there / Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, / No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, / His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? / I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.

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: ***Be Thou My Vision***
Trinity Hymnal#642

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: ***Galatians 4.8-11***

Sermon: ***Free from the No Gods***

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: ***The Heidelberg Catechism***

Q.31. Why is the Son of God called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Hymn of Preparation: Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless
Trinity Hymnal #424 (Stanzas 1-3)

Sursum Corda:

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
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: ***Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless***
Trinity Hymnal #424 (Stanzas 4-5)

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.