

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*When the biblical writers call God good, they are thinking in general of all those moral qualities which prompt his people to call him perfect, and in particular of the generosity which moves them to call him merciful and gracious and to speak of his love. (Packer)*

### *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

#### **Call to Worship:**

***Psalm 100.1-5***

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
And his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Leader: For the LORD is good;  
His steadfast love endures forever,  
And his faithfulness to all generations.

#### ***Prayer of Invocation***

#### ***Hymn of Praise:***

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Trinity Hymnal #53***

### *God Cleanses Us by His Grace*

#### ***Conviction of the Gospel:***

***2 Corinthians 9.6-8***

**The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.**

#### ***Confession of Sin***

#### ***Comfort of the Gospel:***

***2 Corinthians 8.9***

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

### *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 heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there  
Who made an end to 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  
With Christ, my Savior and my God

#### ***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 Offering:***

***Come, Thou Fount of  
Every Blessing  
Trinity Hymnal #457***

*\*Children dismissed to Little Church*

### *God Counsels Us through His Word*

#### ***Scripture Reading:***

***Luke 18.15-30***

#### ***Prayer of Illumination***

#### ***Sermon:***

***One Thing We Lack***

### *God Commissions Us to Serve Him*

#### ***Creed:***

***From Bishop Handley Moule***

**I believe in the name of the Son of God.  
Therefore, I am in him, having redemption through his blood  
And life by his Spirit,  
And he is in me, and all fullness is in him.  
To him I belong, by purchase, conquest, and self-surrender;  
To me he belongs, for all my hourly need.  
There is no cloud between my Lord and me.  
There is no difficulty outward or inward  
That he is not ready to meet in me today.  
The Lord is my keeper. Amen!**

#### ***Hymn of Response:***

***When All Your Mercies, O My God  
Trinity Hymnal #56***

#### ***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.