

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am.” (John Newton)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 95.1-2

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**People: For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand.**

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!

Doxology:

Trinity Hymnal #731

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

**Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Trinity Hymnal #30**

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 8.32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found / He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground / Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace / When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All / Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh / Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness / Scorned by the ones He came to save
’Til on that cross as Jesus died / The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid / Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay / Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day / Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory / Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine / Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death / This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath / Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man / Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home / Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

Words of Exhortation:

Rev. Tim Fortner

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

Prayer of Intercession:

The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

1 Samuel 7.1-17

Sermon:

Till Now the Lord Has Helped Us

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Hymn of Preparation: At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing
Trinity Hymnal #420**

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: Revelation 3.20

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: Our God Will Go Before Us

Our God will go before us / And guide us by his presence
What confidence this promise is / We will never walk alone

Through unknown paths, through shadows / Our hearts fear not tomorrow
For every step his faithfulness / Is the truth that lights our way

Refrain

Our God will go before us / The Lord of Hosts is with us
O praise the one who leads us on / For his grace will bring us home

Though evil forms against us / All heaven will defend us
The gates of hell shall not prevail / For the battle is the Lord’s **Refrain**

Now send us with your presence, / And lead us on to heaven,
Where songs of sorrow strain no more / And our every breath is praise
O let our every breath be praise **Refrain x 2**

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.