

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Never are you more like God than when you are merciful. (MacArthur)*

## God Calls Us to Worship Him

### Call to Worship:

**Psalm 34.1-8**

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
And let us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
And delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Those who look to him are radiant,  
And their faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
And saved him out of all his troubles.**

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him  
And delivers them.

**People: Oh, taste and see that the Lord good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

### Greeting:

**Ruth 2.4**

Leader: The LORD be with you!

**People: The LORD bless you!**

## 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:

**1 John 3.16-18**

**By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.**

## Confession of Sin

### Comfort of the Gospel:

**1 John 1.9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

**Hymn of Thanksgiving: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder  
Trinity Hymnal #172**

### Profession of Faith:

**Reed Taylor**

**Administration of Covenant Baptism: Carter Robert Taylor**

### Hymn of Meditation:

**A Debtor to Mercy Alone**

A debtor to mercy alone, / Of covenant mercy I sing;  
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, / My person and offering to bring.  
The terrors of law and of God / With me can have nothing to do;  
My Savior's obedience and blood / Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which His goodness began, / The arm of His strength will complete;  
His promise is yea and amen, / And never was forfeited yet.  
Things future, nor things that are now, / Not all things below nor above  
Can make Him His purpose forego, / Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands / Eternity will not erase;  
Impressed on His heart it remains / In marks of indelible grace.  
Yes, I to the end shall endure, / As sure as the earnest is given  
More happy, but not more secure, / The glorified spirits in heaven.

### Prayer of Intercession:

**The Lord's Prayer**

### Presentation of Tithes and Offering

*\*Children dismissed to Little Church*

## God Counsels Us through His Word

### Scripture Reading:

**Luke 16.19-31**

### Sermon:

**The Poor Rich Man and the Rich Poor Man**

## God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

### Creed:

**The Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q.86. What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?

**The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united to their souls. Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, till the resurrection and judgment of the great day.**

### Hymn of Preparation:

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, / All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, / Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, / All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! / God and heaven are still my own.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, / Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, / With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father, / I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; / All must work for good to me.

### 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:

**Luke 14.17**

### 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:

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Soul, then know thy full salvation / Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station, / Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, / Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee, / Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, / Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee, / God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, / Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, / Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

### 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.