

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*If compassion clothed itself in a human body and went walking around this earth, what would it look like? We don't have to wonder. (Ortlund)*

### *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

#### **Call to Worship:** *based on Zephaniah 3.14-17*

Leader: Sing, O daughter of Zion;  
Shout, O Israel!

**People: Rejoice and exult with all our hearts,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
He has cleared away your enemies.

**People: The King of Israel, the LORD, is in our midst;  
We shall never again fear evil.**

Leader: The LORD is mighty to save;  
He will rejoice over you with gladness;

**People: He will quiet us by his love;  
He will exult over us with loud singing.**

#### **Greeting:** *2 Corinthians 13.14*

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
And the love of God  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

### *Prayer of Invocation*

#### **Hymn of Praise:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Trinity Hymnal #194*

### *God Cleanses Us by His Grace*

#### **Conviction of the Gospel:** *Romans 13.8-10*

**Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

### *Confession of Sin*

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

*Romans 8.1-4*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

### *God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer*

#### **Hymn of Thanksgiving:** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory Trinity Hymnal #218*

#### **Advent Reading of Love:**

*Isaiah 53.1-12*

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

#### **Hymn of Meditation:** *Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless Trinity Hymnal#239*

#### **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**

*\*Children dismissed to Little Church*

### *God Counsels Us through His Word*

#### **Scripture Reading:**

*John 10.10*

#### **Sermon:**

*He Came to Give Us Life*

### *God Commissions Us to Serve Him*

#### **Profession of Faith:** *Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2*

**The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.**

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

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice!  
Trinity Hymnal #207*

#### **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.