

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you. (Augustine)*

### *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 27.4; 90.1-2, 17*

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
And establish the work of our hands upon us;  
Yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
That will I seek after:

**People: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
All the days of my life,  
To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
And to inquire in his temple.**

**All: 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:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!  
Trinity Hymnal #296*

### *God Cleanses Us by His Grace*

**Conviction of the Gospel:** *1 Corinthians 10.31*  
**So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**

### *Confession of Sin*

**Comfort of the Gospel:** *1 Corinthians 1.18*

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

**Hymn of Thanksgiving:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Trinity Hymnal #32*

**Prayer of Intercession:** *The Valley of Vision*

**O LORD,  
Length of days does not profit me except the days are passed  
In thy presence, in thy service, to thy glory.  
Give me grace that precedes, follows, guides, sustains, sanctifies,  
aids every hour,  
That I may not be one moment apart from thee,  
but may rely on thy Spirit  
To supply every thought, speak every word, direct every step,  
Prosper every work, build up every mote of faith,  
and give me a desire  
To show forth thy praise, testify thy love, advance thy kingdom.**

**I launch my bark on the unknown waters of this year,  
With thee, O Father, as my harbor,  
Thee, O Son, at my helm,  
Thee, O Holy Spirit, filling my sails.**

**Guide me to heaven with  
My loins girt, my lamp burning, my ear open to thy calls,  
My heart full of love, my soul free.**

**Give me thy grace to sanctify me, thy comforts to cheer,  
thy wisdom to teach,  
Thy right hand to guide, thy counsel to instruct, thy law to judge,  
Thy presence to stabilize.  
May thy fear be my awe, thy triumphs my joy. Amen.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:** *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r;  
Raise Thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

### *God Counsels Us through His Word*

**Prayer of Illumination** *Chalmers' Collects*

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning; grant that we may hear them, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** *Ecclesiastes 1-2*

**Sermon:** *Man's Search for Meaning*

### *God Commissions Us to Serve Him*

**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 Response:** *All Glory Be to Christ*

Should nothing of our efforts stand / No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house / In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain / Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn / All glory be to Christ!

#### **Refrain**

*All glory be to Christ our king! / All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign will ever sing / All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread / Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy / The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet / All glory be to Christ! **Refrain**

When on the day the great I Am / The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain / Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us / And be our steadfast light  
And we shall ere his people be / All glory be to Christ! **Refrain**

**Benediction:** *Numbers 6.24-26*