

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*History is...a perpetual Evangel, a story written by the finger of God. (Lewis)*

## God Calls Us to Worship Him

### Call to Worship:

***Psalm 90.17; 124.8; 125.2***

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
Who made heaven and earth.

**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: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
So the LORD surrounds his people,  
From this time forth and forevermore.

**People: Let's worship the LORD!**

### 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:

***Philippians 2.12-13***

**Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

### Confession of Sin

### Comfort of the Gospel:

***Philippians 4.19***

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

## 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 Offering:

***Be Thou My Vision  
Trinity Hymnal #642***

*\*Children dismissed to Little Church*

## God Counsels Us through His Word

### Scripture Reading:

***Psalm 18.1-50***

### 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.**

### Sermon:

### New Year Confidence

## 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

***(Sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne")***

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

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.