

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Let earth and Heaven combine, angels and men agree,
To praise in songs divine the incarnate Deity,
Our God contracted to a span, incomprehensibly made man.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Luke 1.46-50*

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Leader: The mighty One has done great things for us!

People: Holy is God's name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;

Leader: From generation to generation God gives mercy.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *O Come, All Ye Faithful
Trinity Hymnal #208*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *Hebrews 11.1, 6*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ... And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Hebrews 2.17-18*

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Angels We Have Heard on High
Trinity Hymnal #214*

Advent Reading of Faith: *Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7*

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hymn of Meditation: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
Trinity Hymnal #229*

Prayer of Intercession:

**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.**

** Children dismissed for Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Luke 1.26-56*

Sermon: *Faithful Savior, faithful servant*

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 Preparation: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Trinity Hymnal #193*

Sursum Corda:

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Hymn of Response: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Trinity Hymnal #211*

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.