

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Our greatest hindrance in the Christian life is not our lack of effort but our lack of acquaintedness with our privileges. (Hamilton)*

### *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

#### **Call to Worship:**

***Psalm 122.1-9***

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**People: Our feet have been standing  
Within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Leader: Jerusalem—built as a city  
That is bound firmly together,

**People: To which the tribes go up,  
The tribes of the LORD,**

Leader: As was decreed for Israel,  
To give thanks to the name of the LORD.

**People: There thrones for judgment were set,  
The thrones of the house of David.**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May they be secure who love you!”

**People: “Peace be within your walls  
And security within your towers!”**

Leader: For my brothers and companions’ sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

**People: “For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.”**

#### ***Prayer of Invocation***

***Hymn of Praise: Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee  
Trinity Hymnal #80***

### *God Cleanses Us by His Grace*

#### **Conviction of the Gospel:**

***Ephesians 4.1-7***

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

#### **Confession of Sin**

Lord Jesus, we confess we often don’t walk in a manner worthy of our calling. We should be humble, yet we’re prideful. We should be gentle, yet we’re harsh. We should be patient, yet we’re angry. We should bear with each other in love, yet our instinct is to hold grudges. We should be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, yet our default is to fixate on each other’s flaws. But you have called us to so much more! You’ve called us to a life of grace, the very grace that moved you to accomplish the forgiveness of all our sins at the cross. We’re so very thankful for that! May our experience of that grace move us humbly, gently, patiently, lovingly, peaceably into the lives of others. Amen.

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

***Ephesians 1.7***

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace....

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

#### **Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous mystery / In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven’s praises / Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness / Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended / Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery / He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering / Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam / Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment / Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery / Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners / Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption / See the Father’s plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory / Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery / Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e’er restrain Him / Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance / How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected / As we will be when he comes

#### **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:**

***Holy Spirit, Living  
Breath of God***

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, / Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord / To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; / Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity. / Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; / May Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev’ry sin / In each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, / Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace. / Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, / Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth; / Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. / Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ / Will be clear for all the world to see.

*\*Children dismissed to Little Church*

### *God Counsels Us through His Word*

***Scripture Reading: Acts 20.28; 1 Timothy 1.3; Revelation 2.1-7***

#### **Sermon:**

***Roadmap to Revitalization***

### *God Commissions Us to Serve Him*

#### **Creed:**

***Apostles’ Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

***I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord  
Trinity Hymnal #353***

#### **Benediction:**

***Numbers 6.24-26***