

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The light of the sun comes to us by its beams. By its beams we see the sun, and by its beams the sun touches us. Jesus Christ is the beam of his Father's love and through him the Father's love reaches down and touches us. (John Owen)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 135:1-5, 15-18, 20-21*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,
Give praise, O servants of the LORD,
Who stand in the house of the LORD,
In the courts of the house of our God!

**People: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
Sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
For I know that the LORD is great,
And that our Lord is above all gods.**

Leader: The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
The work of human hands.
They have mouths, but do not speak;
They have eyes, but do not see;
They have ears, but do not hear,
Nor is there breath in their mouths.

**People: Those who make them become like them,
So do all who trust in them.**

Leader: You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
Blessed be the LORD from Zion,
He who dwells in Jerusalem!

People: Praise the LORD!

Greeting: *1 Corinthians 1.3*

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
People: And also to you!

Gloria Patri: *Trinity Hymnal #735*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal #295*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: *1 Corinthians 10:7, 12-14*

Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ... Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

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: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Trinity Hymnal #509*

Prayer of Intercession: *The Lord's Prayer*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

Hymn of Meditation: *O Great God*

O great God of highest heaven / Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme / Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain / That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me / Make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin / Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within / Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life / Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son / Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life / That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul / From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised / With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven / Glorify Your Name through me

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 32:1-6*

Sermon: *The Golden Calf*

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: *Our World Belongs to God*

As followers of Jesus Christ,
Living in this world—
Which some seek to control,
And others view with despair—
We declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning,
Through all the crises of our times,
Until the kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever:
**Our world belongs to God!
God is King: Let the earth be glad!
Christ is victor: His rule has begun!
The Spirit is at work: Creation is renewed!
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

Song of Preparation: *Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death
(Stanzas 1-2)*

What is our hope in life and death? / Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? / That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? / What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? / The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus
*O sing hallelujah! / Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! / Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? / God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? / In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? / Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh / Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? **Chorus**

Sursum Corda:

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Prayer of Adoration and Assistance

Invitation to the Table: *John 6.35*

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Song of Response: *Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death
(Stanza 3)*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? / “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring? / Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, / Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, / When Christ is ours forevermore. **Chorus**

Benediction: *Numbers 6.24-26*