

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 34.1-5, 8, 22

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me
And delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Those who look to him are radiant,
And their faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Leader: The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
None of those who take refuge in him
Will be condemned.

People: Let's worship the LORD!

Greeting:

2 Corinthians 13.14

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
Of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you!

Doxology:

Trinity Hymnal #731

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!
Trinity Hymnal #198**

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law:

Hebrews 12.1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Hebrews 4.14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1. Unison: Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
Ladies: The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
Men: The sha-----dow in a weary land
Ladies: A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
Men: A home, a rest, upon the way
Unison: From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

2. Unison: Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
Ladies: The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
Men: The ver-----y dying One for me;
Ladies: And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess
Men: And from my heart, I con--fess
Unison: The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

3. Unison: I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
Ladies: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Men: I ask, no o--ther than His face;
Ladies: Content to let the world go by to know no gain nor loss,
Men: Content to know no gain nor loss.
Unison: My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

Prayer of Intercession:

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

Hymn of Meditation:

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus I am resting, resting, in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness, of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, as Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus

*Jesus I am resting, resting, in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness, of Thy loving heart.*

O how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea,
O how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine.
Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine. **Chorus**

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed.

Ever lift Thy face upon me, as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace. **Chorus x2**

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Galatians 6.11-18

Sermon:

The Measure of a Life

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

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 Preparation: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Trinity Hymnal #252 (Stanzas 1-3)**

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

Fencing of the Table:

1 Corinthians 11.27-32

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Distribution

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Song of Response:

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Trinity Hymnal #252 (Stanzas 4)**

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.