THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

You stir us up to take delight in your praise; for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless till it finds its rest in you. (Augustine)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: ***Matthew 11.28-30***

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest.
People: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
For I am gentle and lowly in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls.
Leader: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
People: Let's worship God!

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: ***We Come, O Christ, to You***
Trinity Hymnal #181

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: ***Romans 12.1-2***

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present you bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: ***Romans 8.1-4***

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: ***And Can It Be***

And can it be that I should gain / An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain! / For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be / That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus
Amazing love! How can it be / That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be / That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above, / So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, / And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, / For O my God, it found out me! ***Chorus***

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, / Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; / I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, / I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. ***Chorus***

No condemnation now I dread; / Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, / And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, / And claim the crown, through Christ my own
Chorus x2

Prayer of Intercession: ***The Lord's Prayer***

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

Song of Meditation: ***Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death***

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***

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 x 2***

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: ***Ecclesiastes 12.1-14***

Sermon: ***The End of the Matter***

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: ***The Westminster Shorter Catechism***

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Hymn of Preparation: ***Loved with Everlasting Love***
Trinity Hymnal #703 (stanzas 1-3)

Sursum Corda:

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

Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, may be one in him and may remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Invitation to the Table: ***Revelation 3.20***

Fencing of the Table: ***1 Corinthians 11.27-32***

Words of Institution: ***1 Corinthians 11.23-26***

Distribution

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response: ***Loved with Everlasting Love***
Trinity Hymnal #703 (stanza 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.