

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

... there was once in man a true happiness ... which he in vain tries to fill from his surroundings But these are all inadequate, because the infinite abyss can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is to say, only by God himself.
(Blaise Pascal)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 63.1-3*

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
**People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
Beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
My lips will praise you.**
Leader: Let’s worship God!

Gloria Patri: *Trinity Hymnal #735*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Trinity Hymnal #38*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *Matthew 22.37-40*

And [Jesus] said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the Law and the Prophets.”

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Matthew 20.25, 28*

But Jesus called them to him and said, “... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

Jesus, I my cross have taken, / All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, / Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, / All I’ve sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! / God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, / They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; / Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, / God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, / Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, / *Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; / Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, ’tis not in grief to harm me / While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, ’twere not in joy to charm me, / Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, / Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, / With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, / I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; / All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation / Rise o’er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station, / Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, / Think what Father’s smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, / Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, / Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven’s eternal days before thee, / God’s own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, / Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, / Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Administration of Covenant Baptism: *John Morgan Cox*

Hymn of Meditation: *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know, / For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; / They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain
Yes, Jesus loves me! / Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! / The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me – he will stay / Close beside me all the way.
Then his little child will take / Up to heaven for his dear sake. **Refrain**

Prayer of Intercession: *The Lord’s Prayer*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
**Children dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Ecclesiastes 12.1-14*

Sermon: *The End of the Matter, Part 2*

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: *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

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.