

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*A marvelous and mighty paradox has thus occurred, for the death which they thought to inflict on Him as dishonor and disgrace has become the glorious monument to death's defeat. (Athanasius)*

**Prelude:** *Lawndale Bell Choir*

**Interlude:** *Procession of Children*

### *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

**Call to Worship:** *Zechariah 9:9; Mark 11:9-10*

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

**People: Triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

**People: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**Lent Anthem:** *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee  
Trinity Hymnal #737*

### *Prayer of Invocation*

**Hymn of Praise:** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
Trinity Hymnal #302*

### *God Cleanses Us by His Grace*

**Conviction of the Law:** *Hebrews 12:1-12*

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 2:14-15*

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

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

**Hymn of Thanksgiving:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
Trinity Hymnal #235*

**Covenant Baptism:** *Bernadette Blue McPherson*

**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*

**Hymn of Meditation:** *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!  
Trinity Hymnal #237*

### *God Counsels Us through His Word*

**Scripture Reading:** *Galatians 6:14*

**Sermon:** *A Paradoxical Throne*

### *God Communes with Us in the Sacrament*

**Creed:** *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q.12. According to God's righteous judgment, we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

**A. God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore, the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.**

Q.13. Can we make this payment ourselves?

**A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.**

Q.14. Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?

**A. No. To begin with, God will not punish any other creature for what a human is guilty of. Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.**

Q.15. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

**A. One who is a true and righteous human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**

Q. 18. But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?

**A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption (1 Cor 1:30).**

**Song of Preparation:** *Behold the Lamb (Stanzas 1-3)*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, / Slain for us: and we remember:

The promise made that all who come in faith / Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this Bread of life, / And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of peace / Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, / Torn for you: eat and remember

The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, / Paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this Bread of Life, / And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love / Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, / Shed for you: drink and remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in / To receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life, / And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of grace / Around the table of the King

### *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:** *Matthew 11:28-30*

**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:** *Behold the Lamb (Stanza 4)*

And so with thankfulness and faith / We rise to respond: and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ / As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, / We proclaim: Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heaven / Around the table of the King.

**Benediction:** *Numbers 6:24-26*