

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

...the whole life of the Christian community should be conceived as a festival in which with love, joy and boldness we celebrate what God has done for us through Christ. (John Stott)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 47.1-7

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High is to be feared,
A great king over all the earth.
People: He subdued peoples under us,
And nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
The pride of Jacob whom he loves.
Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
People: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
Leader: For God is King of all the earth;
Sing praises with a psalm!

Gloria Patri: Trinity Hymnal #735

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing
Trinity Hymnal #420

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: 1 John 2.15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: 1 John 2.1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King/ Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing / To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth /We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach / To gather children in

Refrain
Rejoice, Rejoice / Let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice / O Church of Christ, rejoice

Come, those whose joy is morning sun / And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won / And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change / And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days / With the certain hope of peace Refrain

Come, young and old from every land / Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands / Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing / Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age / “Our God is all in all” Refrain x 2

Administration of Covenant Baptism: Margaret Jane Harris

Hymn of Meditation: Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear

Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord most dear, / as thou wast once an infant here,
So give this child of thine, we pray, / Thy grace and blessing day by day.
O holy Jesus, Lord divine, / We pray thee guard this child of thine.

Prayer of Intercession: The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 5.6-8

Sermon: Let’s Celebrate the Feast!

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: Based on the Belgic Confession Article 23

What do you believe about the forgiveness of sins?

We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare that person blessed to whom God grants righteousness apart from works.

How do you come by such forgiveness?

We are justified “freely” or “by grace” through redemption in Jesus Christ. And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.

Hymn of Preparation: Not All the Blood of Beasts
Trinity Hymnal #242 (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: Not All the Blood of Beasts
Trinity Hymnal #242 (stanzas 4-5)

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.