THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

God never puts us where his grace can't keep us. (Geoff Thomas)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: ***Psalm 90.1-3, 10, 12-14, 17***

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.
People: You return man to dust
And say, "Return, O children of man!"
The years of our life are seventy,
Or even by reason of strength eighty;
Yet their span is but toil and trouble;
They are soon gone, and we fly away.
Leader: So teach us to number our days
That we may get a heart of wisdom.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
And establish the work of our hands upon us;
Yes, establish the work of our hands!
Leader: Let's worship the LORD!

Gloria Patri: ***Trinity Hymnal #735***

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: ***All Praise to God Who Reigns Above***
Trinity Hymnal #4

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: ***Matthew 6.19-21***

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: ***Matthew 20.28***

...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 and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: ***This Is My Father's World***
Trinity Hymnal #111

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

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

Song of Meditation: ***Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord***
Trinity Hymnal #606

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: ***Ecclesiastes 11.1-10***

Sermon: ***Investment Advice***

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: ***The Heidelberg Catechism***

Q.27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Hymn of Preparation: ***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***
Trinity Hymnal #500 (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: ***Isaiah 55.1***

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: ***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***
Trinity Hymnal #500 (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.