

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! Thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 118. 14, 17, 19, 22-24*

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song;

People: He has become my salvation.

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,
And recount the deeds of the LORD.

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
That I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Greeting: *based on Luke 24.34*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gloria Patri: *Trinity Hymnal #735*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Trinity Hymnal #277*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *1 Peter 1.13-16*

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Confession of Sin\

Comfort of the Gospel: *1 Peter 1.3-5*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Worship Christ the Risen King
Trinity Hymnal #286*

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

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*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *John 20.1-20; Revelation 21.1-5; 22.1-5*

Prayer of Illumination

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort from your holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, that you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Acclamation:

**Christ has died!
Christ has risen!
Christ will come again!**

Sermon: *Set Your Hope Fully on the Resurrection*

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: *based on 1 Corinthians 15.3-7; Colossians 1.15-20*

This is the good news that we have received,
In which we stand, and by which we are saved:
**Christ died for our sins, was buried,
Was raised on the third day,
And appeared first to the women,
Then to Peter and the Twelve,
And then to many faithful witnesses.**
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
The Anointed One of God,
The firstborn of all creation,
The firstborn from the dead,
In whom all things hold together,
In whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
By the power of the Holy Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the Church,
And by the blood of the cross,
He reconciled all things to God. Amen.

Hymn of Response: *Up from the Grave He Arose
Trinity Hymnal #276*

Benediction: *Numbers 6.24-26*