

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am.” (John Newton)

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*

Prayer of Invocation

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

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: *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 1:18-21*

...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

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

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*

Hymn of Meditation: *There Is A Redeemer*

There is a Redeemer / Jesus, God’s own Son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah / Holy One.

Jesus, my Redeemer / Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah / Oh, for sinners slain.

Refrain

*Thank you, oh my Father / for giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit ’til / your work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory / I will see his face
And there I’ll serve my King forever/ in that holy place. **Refrain x2**

God Counsels Us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, speak to us now as you have spoken to us throughout the ages. On this glorious Easter, reveal yourself and your will for our lives, that we might live as your Easter people. We seek your face, O Lord; hear our prayer through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-28, 50-58*

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

Sermon: *What a Wonderful World*

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: *Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of Response: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? **Chorus**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. **Chorus**

Call to Service

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in words of hope and acts of love to a lost and hurting world. And may the same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always. Amen.

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.