

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 113.1-9

Leader: Praise the LORD!  
Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
Praise the name of the LORD!  
People: Blessed be the name of the LORD  
From this time forth and forevermore!  
Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
The name of the LORD is to be praised!  
People: The LORD is high above all nations,  
And his glory above the heavens!  
Leader: Who is like the LORD our God,  
Who is seated on high,  
People: Who looks far down  
On the heavens and the earth?  
Leader: He raises the poor from the dust  
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
People: To make them sit with princes,  
With the princes of his people.  
Leader: He gives the barren woman a home,  
Making her the joyous mother of children.  
People: Praise the LORD!

Doxology: Trinity Hymnal #731

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Now Thank We All Our God  
Trinity Hymnal #98

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Romans 12.1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Romans 5.6, 8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ...God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Profession, & Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne  
Trinity Hymnal #65

Profession of Faith: Harper Noble Johnston

Hymn of Meditation: Our God Will Go Before Us

Our God will go before us / And guide us by his presence  
What confidence this promise is / We will never walk alone

Through unknown paths, through shadows / Our hearts fear not tomorrow  
For every step his faithfulness / Is the truth that lights our way

Refrain  
Our God will go before us / The Lord of Hosts is with us  
O praise the one who leads us on / For his grace will bring us home

Though evil forms against us / All heaven will defend us  
The gates of hell shall not prevail / For the battle is the Lord's Refrain

Now send us with your presence, / And lead us on to heaven,  
Where songs of sorrow strain no more / And our every breath is praise  
O let our every breath be praise Refrain x2

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: Esther 4.1-17

Sermon: An Unlikely Hero

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: from Bishop Handley Moule

I believe in the name of the Son of God.  
Therefore, I am in him, having redemption through his blood  
And life by his Spirit,  
And he is in me, and all fullness is in him.  
To him I belong, by purchase, conquest, and self-surrender;  
To me he belongs, for all my hourly need.  
There is no cloud between my Lord and me.  
There is no difficulty outward or inward  
That he is not ready to meet in me today.  
The Lord is my keeper. Amen!

Hymn of Response: He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail / Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail / He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold / Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold / He must hold me fast

Refrain  
He will hold me fast / He will hold me fast  
For my Saviour loves me so / He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight / Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight / He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost/ His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost / He will hold me fast Refrain

For my life He bled and died / Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied / He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life / He will hold me fast  
'Til our faith is turned to sight / When He comes at last! Refrain x2

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.