

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart feel lonely and long for heaven and home? When Jesus is my portion, a constant friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches over me.

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 31.1-3, 7, 15-16, 23-24*

Leader: To you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
Let me never be put to shame;
In your righteousness deliver me!

**People: Incline your ear to me;
Rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
A strong fortress to save me!**

Leader: For you are my rock and my fortress;
And for your name's sake
You lead me and guide me....

**People: I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
Because you have seen my affliction;
You have known the distress of my soul....**

Leader: My times are in your hand;
Rescue me from the hand of my enemies
And from my persecutors!

**People: Make your face shine on your servant;
Save me in your steadfast love!**

Leader: Love the LORD, all you his saints!
The LORD preserves the faithful
But abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

**People: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
All you who wait for 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 8.28-30*

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Romans 8.1-4*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting*

Jesus I am resting, resting / in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness / of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee / as Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power / Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus

*Jesus I am resting, resting / in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness / of Thy loving heart.*

O how great Thy loving kindness / vaster, broader than the sea,
O how marvelous Thy goodness / lavished all on me!
Yes I rest in Thee, Beloved / know what wealth of grace is Thine.
Know Thy certainty of promise / and have made it mine. **Chorus**

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus / I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless / satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings / meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings / Thine is love indeed.

Ever lift Thy face upon me / as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus / earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory / sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting / fill me with Thy Grace. **Chorus x2**

Prayer of Intercession

**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: *God Moves in a Mysterious Way
Trinity Hymnal #128*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Ruth 1.1-22; 4.13-22*

Sermon: *Ordinary Extraordinary Mothers*

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

Chorus

*He will hold me fast / He will hold me fast
For my Savior 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 **Chorus**

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 / Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last **Chorus 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.