

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

...let us know that none are fitter for comfort than those that think themselves furthest off. Men, for the most part, are not lost enough in their own feeling for a Savior. (Sibbes)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 105.1-6

Leader: Oh give thanks for the LORD; call upon his name;
Make known his deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
Tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength;
Seek his presence continually!**

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
His miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**People: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
Children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

Greeting:

2 Thessalonians 3.18

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you!

Doxology:

Trinity Hymnal #731

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn of Praise: Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Trinity Hymnal #465**

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Colossians 3.1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Titus 3.4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

**Hymn of Thanksgiving: I Sought the Lord, and Afterward
I Knew / Trinity Hymnal #466**

**Administration of Covenant Baptism: Elizabeth Jane Blossom
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Hymn of Dedication:

We Are the Family of Christ

One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you

We are the family of Christ.

One hope, one vision to see you exalted

We are the family of Christ.

And to this, we give our lives to see you glorified.

One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you

We are the family of Christ **repeat**

We are the family of Christ

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*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Luke 19.1-10

Sermon:

A Surprising Guest

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 86. We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Hymn of Response:

Compassion Hymn

There is an everlasting kindness / You lavished on us
When the Radiance of heaven / Came to rescue the lost;
You called the sheep without a shepherd / To leave their distress
For your streams of forgiveness / And the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, / You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You / And the dead breathed again;
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow / And shared in our tears,
Heard the sigh of the weary, / Let the children draw near.

Refrain

What boundless love,

What fathomless grace

You have shown us, O God of compassion!

Each day we live

An offering of praise

As we show to the world Your compassion.

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary / And gazed on Your face
At the thorns of oppression / And the wounds of disgrace,
For surely You have borne our suffering / And carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer / And showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry / This gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice / And the valleys of need—
To be a voice of hope and healing, / To answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless / With the mercy of Christ.

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.