

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Micah 4:2b-5

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
To the house of the God of Jacob,

People: That he may teach us his ways  
And that we may walk in his paths.

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

People: He shall judge between many peoples,  
And shall decide disputes for strong nations far away;

Leader: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
And their spears into pruning hooks;

People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
Neither shall they learn war anymore;

Leader: But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree,  
And no one shall make them afraid,  
For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

People: For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god,  
But we will walk in the name of the LORD our God  
Forever and ever.

Greeting: 1 Timothy 1:2

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.  
People: And also to you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Trinity Hymnal #164

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Romans 12:9-12

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

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, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure  
Source of purest pleasure  
Truest friend to me  
Long my heart hath panted  
‘Til it well-nigh fainted  
Thirsting after Thee  
Thine I am, O spotless lamb  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee  
Ask for naught beside Thee  
Ask for naught beside Thee

In Thy strength I rest me  
If Thy arms protect me  
Who can reach me here?  
Though the earth be shaking  
Every heart be quaking  
God dispels our fear  
Sin and hell in conflict fell  
With their heaviest storms assail us  
Jesus will not fail us  
Jesus will not fail us

Banished is our sadness  
For the Lord of gladness  
Jesus enters in  
Those who love the Father  
Though the storms may gather  
Still have peace within  
Yea, whate’er we here must bear  
Still in Thee lies purest pleasure  
Jesus, priceless treasure  
Jesus, priceless treasure

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 (10:30 am service only)

Hymn of Meditation:

Fairest Lord Jesus  
Trinity Hymnal #170

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

John 15:12-17

Sermon:

For His Friends

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith:

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 31. Why is the Son of God called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Hymn of Response:

We Are God’s People  
Trinity Hymnal #355

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.