

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day’s celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide, the “Great Fifty Days” that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living. (The Worship Sourcebook)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 16.7-11

Leader: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
In the night also my heart instructs me.
People: I have set the LORD always before me;
Because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be shaken.
Leader: Therefore my heart is glad,
And my whole being rejoices;
My flesh also dwells secure.
People: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
Or let your holy one see corruption.
Leader: You make known to me the path of life;
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
All: Let’s worship the LORD!

Greeting: 1 Corinthians 1.3

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

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name! Trinity Hymnal #296

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: John 15.1-5

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: John 10.10-11

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Presentation, & Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Trinity Hymnal #457

Recognition of Graduates

Hymn of Reflection: Be Thou My Vision Trinity Hymnal #642

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: Romans 6.1-4

Sermon: Walk in Newness of Life

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 32. Why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Hymn of Preparation: Come, Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, / weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, / full of pity joined with pow’r;
He is able, He is able, / He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome, / God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, / ev’ry grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money, / come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, / bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry, ‘till you’re better, / you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous, / sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, / nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, / ’tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Lo! th’incarnate God, ascended, / pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly, / let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, / can do helpless sinners good.

Sursum Corda:

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Invitation to the Table: Revelation 3.20

Fencing of the Table: 1 Corinthians 11.27-32

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, / pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; / hold me with thy pow’rful hand;
Bread of heaven, / feed me till I want no more,
Bread of heaven, / feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain, / whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar / lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv’rer, / be thou still my strength and shield,
Strong Deliv’rer, / be thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan, / bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction, / land me safe on Canaan’s side;
Songs of praises, / I will ever give to thee,
Songs of praises, / I will ever give to thee.

Benediction: Numbers 6.24-26