

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*In the life of God's people will be seen first of all a remarkable reversal of values (6:20-6:26).
They will prize what the world calls pitiable and suspect what the world thinks desirable.
(Michael Wilcock)*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 113.1-4, 7-9

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: 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!

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:

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:

Colossians 1.13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Presentation and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

**Now Thank We All Our God
Trinity Hymnal #98**

Recognition of Graduates

Hymn of Reflection:

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,

Breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord

To renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;

Give me faith for what I cannot see;

Give me passion for Your purity.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;

May Your joy be seen in all I do—

Love enough to cover ev'ry sin

In each thought and deed and attitude,

Kindness to the greatest and the least,

Gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace.

Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,

Giving life to all that God has made,

Show your power once again on earth;

Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.

Lead us on the road of sacrifice

That in unity the face of Christ

Will be clear for all the world to see.

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:

Luke 6.17-26

Sermon:

The Upside-Down Kingdom

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn of Response:

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;

I ever with thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;

Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,

Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r;

Raise Thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance, now and always:

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,

High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction:

Numbers 6.24-26