

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2.4-5)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 93.1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
The LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Leader: Your throne is established from of old;
You are from everlasting.

**People: The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their roaring.**

Leader: Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
Mightier than the waves of the sea,
The LORD on high is mighty!

**People: Your decrees are very trustworthy;
Holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

All: Let's worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

***The Church's One Foundation
Trinity Hymnal #347***

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

James 1.22-25

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Galatians 2.20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Trinity Hymnal #521*

Prayer of Intercession:

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, / How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son / To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss - / The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One / Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, / My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice / Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there / Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life - / I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, / No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, / His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? / I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart - / His wounds have paid my ransom.

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Luke 6.46-49

Sermon:

The House and the Flood

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed:

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:

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken / All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken / Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition / All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition! / God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me / They have left my Savior, too
Human hearts and looks deceive me / Thou art not, like them, untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me / God of wisdom, love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me / Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me / Twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me / Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh, tis not in grief to harm me / While Thy love is left to me
Oh, twere not in joy to charm me / Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure / Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure / With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father / I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather / All must work for good to me

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Distribution of the Elements

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response:

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Soul, then know thy full salvation / Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station, / Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, / Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, / Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, / Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, / God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, / Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, / Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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.