

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 118.1, 5-6, 14-15, 19-20, 22-24*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:
For his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
The LORD answered me and set me free.**

Leader: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

**People: The LORD is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.**

Leader: Glad songs of salvation
Are in the tents of the righteous....

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
That I may enter through them
And give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD;
The righteous shall enter through it.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected
Has become the cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the LORD's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Greeting: *Philippians 1.2*

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

People: And also to you!

Gloria Patri: *Trinity Hymnal #734*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Trinity Hymnal #342*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *Hebrews 10.26-31*

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Hebrews 1.1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? **Chorus**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore. **Chorus x2**

Professions of Faith: *Jonathan & Raquel Schneider*

Hymn of Meditation: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,

thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,

robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,

and all the twinkling, starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

now and for evermore be thine.

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 20.9-18*

Sermon: *The Crux of It All*

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: *The Heidelberg Catechism*

60. How are you right with God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Hymn of Response: O Jesus, I Have Promised/Psalm 30: 1-3; 11-12

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;

Be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,

Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

1 O LORD, I will exalt You / For You have lifted me;

My foes You have allowed not / To glory over me

2 O LORD my God, I pleaded / That You might heal and save

3 LORD, You from death have ransomed / And kept me from the grave.

11 You now have turned my sorrow / To dancing full of joy;

You loosened all my sackcloth / And girded me with joy.

12 To You sing psalms, my glory, / And never silent be!

O LORD my God, I thank You / Through all eternity.

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.