

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

If we possess the world but do not have Christ, we have nothing. If we have Christ and nothing else, we have everything. (Derek Thomas)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 138:1-2, 8

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
Before the gods I sing your praise;  
People: I bow down toward your holy temple  
And give thanks to your name  
For your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
Leader: For you have exalted above all things  
Your name and your word.  
People: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Leader: Do not forsake the work of your hands.  
People: Let’s worship the LORD!

Greeting: Philemon 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: I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
Trinity Hymnal #119

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Matthew 20:28

“...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain / An interest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain! / For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be / That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus  
Amazing love! How can it be / That Thou, my God, should die for me!  
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He left His Father’s throne above, / So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love, / And bled for Adam’s helpless race.  
’Tis mercy all, immense and free, / For O my God, it found out me! Chorus

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, / Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; / I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, / I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. Chorus

No condemnation now I dread; / Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head, / And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, / And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
Chorus x2

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, at 10:30 service only

Song of Meditation: Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow’r that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

God Counsels Us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,  
that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:12-42

Sermon: Authentic Spiritual Authority

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: Bishop Handley Moule

I believe in the name of the Son of God.  
Therefore, I am in him, having redemption through his blood  
And life by his Spirit,  
And he is in me, and all fullness is in him.  
To him I belong, by purchase, conquest, and self-surrender;  
To me he belongs, for all my hourly need.  
There is no cloud between my Lord and me.  
There is no difficulty outward or inward  
That he is not ready to meet in me today.  
The Lord is my keeper. Amen!

Hymn of Preparation: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation  
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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.