THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

God's people no longer gather in Jerusalem. Rather, they now worship in the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (Hebrews 12:22). The earthly city was a shadow of the heavenly reality. ... In the feast-day assembly of heaven, we come to Jesus, and to his sprinkled blood, the blood of the New Covenant. ... We assemble here on earth (Hebrews 10:25) because we assemble there, where Jesus is. (Edmund P. Clowney)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 122.1-9

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

People: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Leader: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, **People: To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,**

As was decreed for Israel,

To give thanks to the name of the LORD.

Leader: There thrones for judgment were set,

The thrones of the house of David.

People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

"May they be secure who love you!"

Leader: "Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

People: For my brothers and companion's sake I will say,

"Peace be within you!"

Leader: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek your good.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord Trinity Hymnal #353

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Ephesians 4.1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Ephesians 1.7-10

In the Calm

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished on us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Give Thanks to the Lord

Give thanks to the Lord for the works of His hand For a kingdom that cannot be shaken Give thanks to the Lord for we all now can stand And fear not of being forsaken

Chorus

Give thanks to the Lord for His Righteousness Give thanks to the Lord for His Love Let us worship His name and His holiness Give thanks to the Lord Oh, give thanks to the Lord Give thanks

Give thanks to the Father for sending His Son Give thanks to the Son for the Spirit Now lift up your voices to God Three in One And shout so the whole world can hear it. **Chorus**

Hymn of Preparation:

In the calm of your presence / I am listening, Lord I am still, I am quiet / I am yours (repeat)

Let your words speak to me / Let your spirit draw near I will obey / The truth that I hear

In the calm of your presence / I am listening, Lord I am still, I am quiet / I am yours

There's a thirst in my soul / For your wisdom divine I long for the peace / And life that I find

In the calm of your presence / I am listening, Lord I am still, I am quiet / I am yours

I am still, I am quiet / I am yours Still, quiet / I am yours

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:

Hebrews 10.19-25

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon:

Participating in the People of God

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed:

Westminster Confession of Faith 26.1

All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces; and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

Hymn of Response:

We Are God's People Trinity Hymnal #355

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.