

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The more we see of Jesus, the more we see of God. (Philip Ryken)*

## God Calls Us to Worship Him

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected  
Has become the cornerstone.

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

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

**People: Let's worship God!**

**Greeting:** **Titus 1.4b**

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

**People: And also to you!**

**Doxology:** **Trinity Hymnal #731**

## Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn of Praise:** **The Church's One Foundation  
Trinity Hymnal #347**

## God Cleanses Us by His Grace

**Conviction of the Gospel:** **1 Peter 2.1-6**

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 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. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

## Confession of Sin

**Comfort of the Gospel:** **1 Peter 2.24-25**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

**Hymn of Thanksgiving:** **Behold, Our God**

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

### Refrain

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? **Refrain**

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign! **Refrain**

**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*

**Hymn of Meditation:** **Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me  
Trinity Hymnal #500**

## God Counsels Us through His Word

### Prayer of Illumination

**Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning; grant us that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by the patience and comfort of your Holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, that you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Scripture Reading:** **Matthew 16.13-20**

**Sermon:** **The Great Constitution**

## God Commissions Us to Serve Him

**Creed:** **The Heidelberg Catechism**

Q.31. Why is the Son of God called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

**Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

**Hymn of Response:** **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates  
Trinity Hymnal #198**

**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.