

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*“Fatherlike He tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame He Knows
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes”
- Henry Lyte*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 27:1, 4

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

***Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal #295***

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

2 Corinthians 5:14, 15

For the love of Christ controls us... that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 21

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.... For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Jesus, I Come to Thee

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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: We Will Feast in the House of Zion***

Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion / We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together / We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire / He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood / Upheld, protected, gathered up **Chorus**

In the dark of night, before the dawn / My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long / Oh God of Jacob, be my strength **Chorus**

Every vow we've broken and betrayed / You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave / Bind us together, bring shalom **Chorus**

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Acts 7:54-60

Sermon:

Living in Light of the Beauty of Christ

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed:

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of Response:

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Trinity Hymnal #528***

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.