

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“God’s mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of his light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God.”
-Charles Spurgeon

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Exodus 15:11; Psalm 150:1-2*

Leader: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

People: Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
Praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal #53*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *Isaiah 53:6*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Isaiah 53:5*

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation’s joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord

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.

God, Be Merciful to Me

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:** *Holy Spirit, Living
Breath of God*

Holy Spirit, living breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev’ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 5:7-9*

Sermon: *How Does the Good Life Live?*

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: *New City Catechism #34*

Q. Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God’s Word?

A. Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

Hymn of Response: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Trinity Hymnal #529*

Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*