

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“Scripture attests repeatedly that God shows himself strong when circumstances seem most dire. In redemption, death always precedes resurrection. The cross always comes before the crown.” - Ligon Duncan

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

**People: Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
And his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People: For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Trinity Hymnal #30

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Mark 8:31; 10:45

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. “For even 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:

Your Great Name We Praise

Immortal, invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most holy, most glorious the ancient of days
Almighty, victorious Your great name we praise

Unresting, unshaking and silent as light
Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might
Your justice like mountains high soaring above
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

Chorus

*Most Holy, Most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise*

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small
In all life you live Lord, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
Your angels adore you all veiling their sight
All praise we will render oh Father of grace
Till one day in splendor we see face to face. **Chorus**

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:

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, / All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, / Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, / All I’ve sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! / God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, / They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
While Thou dost smile upon me, / God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, / Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, / ’Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, ’tis not in grief to harm me / While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, ’twere not in joy to charm me, / Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, / Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, / With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, / I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation / Rise o’er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station, / Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, / Think what Father’s smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, / Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, / Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven’s eternal days before thee, / God’s own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, / Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, / Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 5:10

Sermon:

What Does the Good Life Look Forward To?

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed:

Heidelberg Catechism #37

Q: What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

A: That, during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sins of all mankind. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might set us free, body and soul, from eternal condemnation and gain for us God’s grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Hymn of Response:

How Firm a Foundation Trinity Hymnal #94

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.