

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“Let us ever remember that it is on the love of God and not on our appreciation of it that we are to build our confidence... ‘Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling’— here is the essence of Christianity. It is all of God and nothing of ourselves.”
- B. B. Warfield

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 61:10; Psalm 32:11*

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
My soul shall exult in my God,

**People: For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

People: Let’s Worship the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus! Trinity Hymnal #535*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *Isaiah 64:6*

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Isaiah 53:11-12*

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above, / I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,” / Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, / My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands, / No tongue can bid me thence depart **x2**

When Satan tempts me to despair, / And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, / Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, / My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied / To look on Him and pardon me **x2**

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, / My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, / The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, / My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, / With Christ, my Savior and my God **x2**

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Reception of New Members: *Rob and Emily Hairston*

Prayer of Intercession: *The Lord’s Prayer*

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:** *Rock of Ages Trinity Hymnal #500*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 5:6*

Sermon: *What Does the Good Life Long For?*

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: *Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

Hymn of Preparation:

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, / Slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith / Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace / Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, / Torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life / Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love / Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, / Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in / To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace / Around the table of the King.

Sursum Corda:

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Prayer of Adoration and Assistance

Invitation to the Table: *Matthew 11.28-30*

Fencing of the Table: *1 Corinthians 11.27-32*

Words of Institution: *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

Distribution of the Elements

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response: *Behold the Lamb*

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise / To respond, – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ / As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering / We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven / Around the table of the King

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.