

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“God wills you to be comforted, and that comfort He wills you to have, by having Himself.” (P.B. Power)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest.
People: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
For I am gentle and lowly in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls.
Leader: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
People: Let’s worship the Lord!

Greeting: Ruth 2:4

Leader: The LORD be with you!
People: The LORD bless you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Trinity Hymnal #164

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Isaiah 55:6-7

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

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

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 (10:30 service only)

Hymn of Meditation: Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right
Trinity Hymnal #108

God Counsels Us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination: Jeremiah 8:22

Spirit of the Living God, Comforter of your people, may your Word be for us today as a healing balm of Gilead, as a remedy for our needy souls. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Sermon: God of All Comfort

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd;
People: I shall not want.
Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures.
People: He leads me beside still waters.
Leader: He restores my soul.
People: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
People: I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Leader: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
Leader: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
People: Surely goodness and mercy shall pursue me all the days of my life,
Leader: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Song of Preparation: Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death
(stanzas 1-2)

What is our hope in life and death? / Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? / That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? / What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? / The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus
O sing hallelujah! / Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! / Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? / God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? / In our great Redeemer’s blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? / Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh / Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? Chorus

Sursum Corda:

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
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

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

Invitation to the Table: Revelation 3:20

Fencing of the Table: 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Distribution

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Song of Response: Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death
(stanza 3)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? / “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring? / Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, / Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, / When Christ is ours forevermore. Chorus

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.