

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be;
And with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly speak my Lord's sincerity.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 145.1-3, 17-19

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
And bless your name forever and ever.
**People: Every day I will bless you
And praise your name forever and ever.**
Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
And his greatness is unsearchable.
**People: The LORD is righteous in all his ways
And kind in all his works.**
Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
To all who call on him in truth.
**People: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
He also hears their cry and saves them.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

We Come, O Christ, to You
Trinity Hymnal #181

We come, O Christ, to you, / true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, / in whom all life began:
In you alone we live and move, / and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, / your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge / and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, / your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! / All wisdom dwells in you,
The Source of every skill, / the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest, / sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, / to know you is to live
The more abundant life / that earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in you: / in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, / our Savior and our King,
To you our youth and strength / adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts, that all may view / your life in us, and turn to you!

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Ephesians 4.15-16, 25

...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. ... Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Ephesians 2.8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure,
Source of purest pleasure
Truest friend to me
Long my heart hath panted
’Til it well-nigh fainted
Thirsting after Thee
Thine I am, O spotless lamb
I will suffer naught to hide Thee
Ask for naught beside Thee
Ask for naught beside Thee

In Thy strength I rest me
If Thy arms protect me
Who can reach me here?
Though the earth be shaking
Every heart be quaking
God dispels our fear
Sin and hell in conflict fell
With their heaviest storms assail us
Jesus will not fail us
Jesus will not fail us

Banished is our sadness
For the Lord of gladness Jesus enters in
Those who love the Father
Though the storms may gather
Still have peace within
Yea, whate’er we here must bear
Still in Thee lies purest pleasure
Jesus, priceless treasure
Jesus, priceless treasure

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 Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 20.16

Sermon:

The Truth, the Whole Truth....

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 112. What is God’s will for you in the ninth commandment?

God’s will is that I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one’s words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone without a hearing or without a just cause. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are devices the devil himself uses, and they would call down on me God’s intense anger. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor’s good name.

Hymn of Response:

May the Mind of Christ My Savior
Trinity Hymnal #644

May the mind of Christ my Savior / Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow’r controlling / All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly / In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph / Only through his pow’r.

May the peace of God my Father / Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort / Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me / As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, / This is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me / As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, / seeing only him.

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.