

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prayer mirrors the gospel. In the gospel, the Father takes us as we are because of Jesus and gives us his gift of salvation. In prayer, the Father receives us as we are because of Jesus and gives us his gift of help. (Paul Miller)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 117:1-2

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
People: For great is his steadfast love toward us,
And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Leader: Praise the LORD!

Greeting: 2 Corinthians 13:14

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and
The love of God and
The fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all.
People: And also with you.

Doxology: Trinity Hymnal #731

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal #295

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Matthew 9:36-38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Matthew 20:28

“...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: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery / In the dawning of the king
He, the theme of Heaven’s praises, / Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness / Now, the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended / Took on flesh to ransom us

Come, behold the wondrous mystery / He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering / Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam / Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment / Of the law in Him, we stand

Come, behold the wondrous mystery / Christ, the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners / Hangs the lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption / See the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory / Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery / Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain Him / Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv’rance / How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected / As we will be when He comes

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, at 10:30 service only

Song of Meditation: There Is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne / Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue / Will one day come.
Before the Son we’ll stand, / Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace / Salvation comes.

Refrain
Hear heaven’s voices sing; / Their thund’rous anthem rings
Through em’rald courts and sapphire skies. / Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow’r, / Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high / Forevermore.

And there we’ll find our home, / Our life before the throne;
We’ll honor Him in perfect song / Where we belong.
He’ll wipe each tear-stained eye / As thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; / We’ll reign with Him. Refrain x2

God Counsels Us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Father, may your God-breathed Word, read and preached, be profitable to teach us, reprove us, correct us, and train us in righteousness, so that we all may be complete and equipped for every good work. In Jesus’ name and through your Spirit, amen.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 5:1-14

Sermon: The Prayers of the Saints

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 32. Why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Hymn of Response: Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with Thy church abide / Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us / We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure / Grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure:
We beseech Thee, hear us / We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be / One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us / We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind / Seek the lost until she find,
And the brokenhearted bind:
We beseech Thee, hear us / We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she holy triumphs win / Overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in:
We beseech Thee, hear us / We beseech Thee, hear us.

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.