

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*I ask thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life, while keeping at thy side,
Content to fill a little space, if thou be glorified.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 73.25-26

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you?

People: And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

Leader: My flesh and my heart may fail,

People: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Leader: ...for me it is good to be near God;

People: I have made the Lord God my refuge,

Leader: That I may tell of all your works.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Trinity Hymnal #198***

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

James 1.14-15

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it is conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Hebrews 2.17-18

Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

The Perfect Wisdom of our God

The perfect wisdom of our God
Revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand
And held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas,
The secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way
And turns the earth through another day.

O grant me wisdom from above,
To pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say:
“Your perfect will in Your perfect way.”

The matchless wisdom of His ways
That mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet,
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And O the mystery of the cross,
That God should suffer for the lost,
So that the fool might shame the wise,
And all the glory might go to Christ!

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 20.17

Sermon:

Covetous or Contented?

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith:

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 80. What is required in the tenth commandment?

The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Q. 81. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

Hymn of Response:

***Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Trinity Hymnal #646***

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, / thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts /we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; / thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good, / to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, / and long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head, / and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, / where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when thy gracious smile we see, / blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, / make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, / shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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.