

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Biblical Gospel is “...that God saves sinners. ... God—the Triune Jehovah, Father, Son and Spirit; three Persons working together in sovereign wisdom, power and love.... Saves—does everything, first to last, that is involved in bringing man from death in sin to life in glory: plans, achieves and communicates redemption, calls and keeps, justifies, sanctifies, glorifies. Sinners—men as God finds them, guilty, vile, helpless, powerless....” (J.I. Packer)

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!

Doxology: *Trinity Hymnal #731*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ
Trinity Hymnal #524*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: *Psalm 15.1-5*

O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Psalm 51.7-11*

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457*

Commissioning of Lawndale Ladies Executive Council

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*

Hymn of Meditation: *Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness
Trinity Hymnal #330*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Galatians 3.1-5*

Sermon: *The Argument from Experience*

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: *The Belgic Confession*

Article 23: The Justification of Sinners

We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare those people blessed to whom God grants righteousness apart from works. And the same apostle says that we are “justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him. That is enough to cover all our sins and to make us confident, freeing the conscience from the fear, dread, and terror of God’s approach, without doing what our first parents, Adam and Eve, did, who trembled as they tried to cover themselves with fig leaves. In fact, if we had to appear before God relying—no matter how little—on ourselves or some other creature, then, alas, we would be swallowed up. Therefore everyone must say with David: “[Lord,] do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.”

Hymn of Response: *Reformation Hymn*

We will trust God’s Word alone, where His perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand while His Truth forever stands.

We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ and His finished sacrifice.

Refrain
*Glory be, glory be to God alone
Through the church He redeemed and made His own.
He has freed us, He will keep us till we’re safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!*

We are saved by grace alone—undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.

We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar, still he reigns forevermore! **Refrain**

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.