

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

If you are in Christ, this is now the defining truth of who you are. Your life, your story, becomes enfolded by another story—Another’s story. ...believing the gospel means having your imagination taken captive and reshaped by [this] new story.
(Rankin Wilbourne)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 149.1, 4

Leader: Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
His praise in the assembly of the godly!

**People: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
He adorns the humble with salvation.
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:

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Trinity Hymnal #529**

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Galatians 5.16-23

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Galatians 2.20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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**

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 x2**

Administration of Covenant Baptism:

**William Bruce
Russell, III (WB)**

Hymn of Dedication:

We Are the Body of Christ

One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you
We are the body of Christ.
One hope, one vision to see you exalted
We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.
One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you
We are the body of Christ

(Sing twice)

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:

Abide with Me

Abide with me; falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter’s power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

**Children Dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

John 15.1-5

Sermon:

**The Pruning Principle
Rev. McCay Caston**

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:

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Trinity Hymnal #528**

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.