

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“What matters supremely, therefore, is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it—the fact that he knows me. I am graven on the palms of his hands. I am never out of his mind.” - J. I. Packer

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
**People: Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
**People: For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Greeting: 2 Corinthians 1:2

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
People: And also with you!

Doxology: Trinity Hymnal #731

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim Trinity Hymnal #12

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: 1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: 1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above / I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is “Love” / Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands / My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands / No tongue can bid me thence depart.
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When Satan tempts me to despair / And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there / Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died / My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied / To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb / My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM / The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die / My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high / With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

Profession of Faith and Baptism: Margaret Elise Creekmore

Song of Commitment: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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: A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone, / Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, / My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God / With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior’s obedience and blood / Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which His goodness began, / The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yes and amen, / And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, / Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego, / Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands / Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains / In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure / As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure, / The glorified spirits in heaven.

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Sermon:

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

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.