

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*From every stormy wind that blows, from every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat; 'tis found beneath the mercy seat.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 93.1-5

Leader:

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
The LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established from of old;
It shall never be moved.

People:

Your throne is established from of old;
You are from everlasting.

Leader:

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their roaring.

People:

Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
Mightier than the waves of the sea,
The LORD on high is mighty!

Leader:

Your decrees are very trustworthy;
Holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

All:

Let’s worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

I Sing the Almighty Power of God
Trinity Hymnal #119

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Isaiah 41.4b, 10; 43.2-3b

I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he. ...fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ... When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Micah 7.18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under-foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving:

Behold, Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Refrain

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? **Refrain**

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign! **Refrain**

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: Eternal Father, Strong to Save—Trinity Hymnal #630

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Luke 8.22-25

Sermon:

A Savior for the Storms

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed:

The Heidelberg Catechism

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

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:

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor / In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me / And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow / When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor / It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor / While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle / And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor / Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor / It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor / Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now / Lift your eyes to calvary
This my ballast of assurance / See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor / It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor / As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory / And we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon / Clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better / For the storms that we endured.

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.