

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*[God] calls us—not because he needs us, but because we need him. ...
To be the assembly, i.e., to be the church, is to worship God together.
To say that God made us in his image is to say that God made us for himself,
And that he made us to worship him.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 50.1-5, 14-15*

Leader: The Mighty One, God the LORD,
Speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
Before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

**People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
That he may judge his people:**

Leader: “Gather to me my faithful ones,
Who made a covenant with me by sacrifice! ...

**People: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And perform your vows to the Most High,**

Leader: And call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *O Worship the King Trinity #2*

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow’r has founded of old;
has ‘stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *Hebrews 12.28-29*

**Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken
and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming fire.**

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Hebrews 12.22-24*

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Now Thank We All Our God Trinity #98*

Now thank we all our God / with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, / in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms, / hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, / and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God / through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts / and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, / and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills / in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God / the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns / with them in highest heaven—
The one eternal God, / whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, /and shall be evermore.

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.**

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 19-24*

Sermon: *The Blessing of Renewing Covenant!*

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: *The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of Response: *This is my Father’s World Trinity #111*

This is my Father’s world, / and to my list’ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings / the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: / I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; / his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, / the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, / declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: / he shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, / he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, / O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, / God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: / the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, /and earth and heav’n be one.

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.