

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Here [Paul] has no trifling matter in hand, but the chiefest article of all Christian doctrine. When you understand the utility and majesty of this doctrine, all other things seem worth nothing. (Martin Luther)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 61.10-11*

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
My soul shall exult in my God,

**People: For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**

Leader: As a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**People: For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
And as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,**

Leader: So the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise
To sprout up before all the nations.

People: Let's worship the LORD!

Greeting: *Revelation 22.21*

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

People: Amen.

Doxology: *Trinity Hymnal #731*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Trinity Hymnal #4*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: *Leviticus 18.1-5*

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord."

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Exodus 34.6-7a*

The LORD passed before [Moses] and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty...."

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Trinity Hymnal #500*

Mission Report: *Leslie Howe Gunter*

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

Hymn of Meditation: *From the Depths of Woe*

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee / The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me / And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, / Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
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To wash away the crimson stain, / Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; / In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, / All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, / And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word / Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, / My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night, / And 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; / It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, / Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth)
And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes / His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, / Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, / Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Galatians 2.15-16*

Sermon: *The Chief Article*

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is the act of God's free grace by which He pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight. He does so only because He counts the righteousness of Christ as ours. Justification is received by faith alone.

Hymn of Preparation: *Behold the Lamb (Stanzas 1-3)*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, / Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith / Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace / Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, / Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life / Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love / Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, / Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in / To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace / Around the table of the King.

Sursum Corda:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Prayer of Adoration and Assistance

Invitation to the Table: *John 6.54*

Fencing of the Table: *1 Corinthians 11.27-32*

Words of Institution: *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

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God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response: *Behold the Lamb (Stanzas 4)*

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise / To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ / As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering / We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven / Around the table of the King

Benediction: *Numbers 6.24-26*