

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“In the end, as in the beginning, it is not our good intentions or even our good deeds that will get us out of the muck of ourselves. It is God’s rescuing hand. It is his enduring announcement over us messed-up creatures, ‘I love you,’ that changes everything.”
– Jared C. Wilson

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 30:4, 11-12*

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

**People: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord your God forever!

Greeting: *Ruth 2.4*

Leader: The LORD be with you!

People: The LORD bless you!

Gloria Patri: *Trinity Hymnal #735*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *O Come My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord
Trinity Hymnal #6*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *1 Peter 4:12-13*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *1 Peter 2:22-25*

[Jesus] committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Psalm 9.1-4;7-10
(Tune: Immortal, Invisible)*

I now will give wholehearted thanks to the LORD,
And all of Your marvelous works will record.
In You will be glad and exultingly cry,
And praise to Your name will I sing, O Most High.

When backward my foes were all turned in despair.
They stumbled and perished because You were there.
For You have defended my judgment and cause;
Your sat in just judgment upholding Your laws

Refrain
*Most Holy, Most Glorious / The Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious / Your great name we praise.*

The LORD will eternally sit on His throne,
Establishing it for His judgment alone.
In righteousness He’ll judge the world from His seat
And unto all peoples shall equity mete.

The LORD is a stronghold, a lofty strong tower,
For all the oppressed in their troubles’ dark hour.
Those knowing Your name, LORD, trust You for Your grace;
You have not forsaken those seeking Your face. **Refrain x 2**

Prayer of Intercession: *The Lord’s Prayer*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings: *Abide with me*

Abide with me; fast 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: *2 Kings 4:1-7*

Sermon: *Nameless Nobodies, Known by God*

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: *New City Catechism*

Q.39: With what attitude should we pray?

A: With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God’s will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

Hymn of Preparation: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457 (Stanzas 1 and 2)*

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: *Matthew 11.28-30*

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

Words of Institution: *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

Distribution

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457 (Stanza 3)*

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.