

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

There is no man whatever, that hath any want in reference to the things of God,  
But Christ will be unto him that which he wants.... Is he dead? Christ is life.  
Is he weak? Christ is the power of God, and the wisdom of God.  
Hath he the sense of guilt upon him? Christ is complete righteousness....  
Many poor creatures are sensible of their wants but know not where their remedy lies.  
Indeed, whether it be life or light, power or joy, all is wrapped up in him. (John Owen)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 67.1-7

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us  
And make his face to shine upon us,  
People: That your way may be known on earth,  
Your saving power among all nations.  
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you!  
People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
For you judge the peoples with equity  
And guide the nations upon earth.  
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you!  
People: The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.  
Leader: God shall bless us;  
Let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art  
Trinity Hymnal #168

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: 2 Corinthians 9.6-7

The point is: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: 2 Corinthians 8.9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: For the Cause

For the cause of Christ the King/ We give our lives, an offering  
’Til all the earth / Resounds with ceaseless praise to the Son

For the cause of Christ we go / With joy to reap, with faith to sow  
As many see / And many put their trust in the Son

Refrain  
Christ we proclaim, / The Name above every name:  
For all creation, / Ev’ry nation,  
God’s salvation / Through the Son!

For the King once lifted high / To cries of rage, of ‘crucify!’  
Endured the cross / As every sin was laid on the Son

To the King who conquered death / To free the poor and the oppressed  
For lasting peace / For life and liberty in the Son. Refrain

Let it be my life’s refrain: / To live is Christ, to die is gain;  
Deny myself, / Take up my cross and follow the Son. Refrain

Prayer of Intercession: The Lord’s Prayer

\*Children dismissed to Little Church

Hymn of Meditation: Lord, Thou Lov’st the Cheerful Giver  
Trinity Hymnal #434

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 8.1-3

Sermon: The Pattern of Jesus’ Ministry

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: Philippians 2.5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
Who, though he was in the form of God,  
Did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
But emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,  
Being born in the likeness of men.  
And being found in human form,  
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
Even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
And bestowed on him the name that is above every name,  
So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.

Hymn of Preparation: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, / All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, / Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, / All I’ve sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! / God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, / They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; / Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
While Thou dost smile upon me, / God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, / Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, / ’Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; / Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, ’tis not in grief to harm me / While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, ’twere not in joy to charm me, / Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, / Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, / With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father, / I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; / All must work for good to me.

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 Thanksgiving

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Distribution of the Elements

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Soul, then know thy full salvation / Rise o’er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station, / Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, / Think what Father’s smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee, / Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, / Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven’s eternal days before thee, / God’s own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, / Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, / Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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.