

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

What a mercy it is to know that all is in safe hands; that sickness and health, comfort and affliction, life or death, are all equally in the inventory of a believer's privileges.... ...they are the Lord's messengers, they have a gracious errand to deliver, ... the peaceable fruits of righteousness they [are] commissioned to bestow.... (John Newton)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 103.1-5

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits,

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,
Who heals all your diseases,

People: Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Leader: Who satisfies you with good
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: Let's worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal #53

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: 1 Peter 5.6-10

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: 1 Peter 2.24

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.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, / Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing / To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth / We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach / To gather children in.

Chorus
Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun / And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, / And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, / And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days / With the certain hope of peace. Chorus

Come, young and old from every land, / Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, / Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing, / Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age; / 'Our God is all in all'. Chorus

Sacrament of Baptism: Willa Anne Driggers

Hymn of Meditation: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, / Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord, / Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; / Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity; / Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, / May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, / In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, / Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; / Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, / Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth, / Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; / Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ / May be clear for all the world to see

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

*Children dismissed to Little Church

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 8.40-56

Sermon: Hope for the Hopeless

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: Heal Us

Chorus
Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
O Savior, hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess / We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less? / Be that far from You Lord! Chorus

Remember him who once applied / With trembling for relief;
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried; / “O help my unbelief!” Chorus

She, too, who touched you in the press / And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace; / Thy faith has made you whole.” Chorus

Like her, with hopes and fears we come / To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home; / Send none unhealed away. Chorus

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.