THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Justification is the primary blessing, because it meets our primary spiritual need. … But this is not to say that justification is the highest blessing of the gospel. Adoption is higher, because of the richer relationship with God that it involves. To be right with God the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is greater. (J.I. Packer)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 103.1-2, 11-13*

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: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
People: As far as the east is from the west,
So far does he remove our transgressions from us.
Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children,
So the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
People: Let's worship the LORD!

Greeting: *2 John 3*

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.
People: Amen!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
Trinity Hymnal #76

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: *1 John 2.28-3.3*

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *1 John 2.1-2*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Arise My Soul Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears.
The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf, appears.
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands;
My name is written on His hands

Refrain
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. ***Refrain***

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers;
They strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, Oh, forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, Oh, forgive," they cry;
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die." ***Refrain***

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry. ***Refrain***

Profession of Faith and Baptism:
Elizabeth Willamina Lucille Alice Rademaker

Song of Reflection: *He Will Rejoice!*

The Lord our God is with you / He is mighty to save
The Lord will take great delight in you / He will quiet you with His love

Chorus
He will rejoice over you / He will rejoice over you
If you could only hear His voice / You would hear the Lord rejoice
Rejoicing over you with singing.

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: *Galatians 4.1-7*

Sermon: *Abba! Father!*

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: *Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q. 74. What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them, the Spirit of his Son given to them, are under his fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.

Hymn of Response: *Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine*
Trinity Hymnal #333

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.