

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

O God, thy main plan, and the end of thy will is to make Christ glorious and beloved in heaven where he is now ascended, where one day all the elect will behold his glory and love and glorify him forever. Though here I love him but little, may this be my portion at last. In this world thou hast given me a beginning, one day it will be perfected in the realm above.
(Valley of Vision)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 98.1-3

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
For he has done marvelous things!
People: His right hand and his holy arm
Have worked salvation for him.
Leader: The LORD has made known his salvation;
He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
People: He has remembered his steadfast love
And faithfulness to the house of Israel.
Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen
The salvation of our God.
All: Let’s worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Trinity Hymnal #92

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Romans 12.1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Romans 3.21-25a

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge and Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

Profession of Faith: Tommy Rademaker

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: Reformation Hymn

We will trust God’s Word alone, / Where his perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand / While his Truth forever stands.

We will live by faith alone, / Clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ / And his finished sacrifice.

Chorus
Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church he redeemed and made his own.
He has freed us, he will keep us till we’re safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone—Undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth / Can achieve the second birth. Chorus

We will stand on Christ alone, / The unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar, / Still he reigns forevermore! Chorus

*Children dismissed to Little Church

Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 9.28-36

Sermon: The Preview

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: The Heidelberg Catechism Q. 54

What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”? I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Hymn of Response: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
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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.