

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Lord of the Sabbath, hear us pray, in this your house, on this your day;
And own, as grateful sacrifice, the songs which from your temple rise.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 122.1-9

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**People: Our feet have been standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Leader: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD.

**People: As was decreed for Israel,
To give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

Leader: There thrones for judgment were set,
The thrones of the house of David.

**People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!
Peace be within your walls
And security within your towers!”**

Leader: For my brothers and companion’s sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

***O Day of Rest and Gladness
Trinity Hymnal #392***

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Amos 5.21-24

“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Micah 7.18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone, / Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, / My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God / With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior’s obedience and blood / Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which His goodness began, / The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen, / And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, / Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego, / Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands / Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains / In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, / As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure, / The glorified spirits in heaven

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

In the Calm

In the calm of your presence / I am listening, Lord
I am still, I am quiet / I am yours
In the calm of your presence / I am listening, Lord
I am still, I am quiet / I am yours

Let your words speak to me
Let your spirit draw near
I will obey
The truth that I hear

In the calm of your presence / I am listening, Lord
I am still, I am quiet / I am yours

There’s a thirst in my soul
For your wisdom divine
I long for the peace
And life that I find

In the calm of your presence / I am listening, Lord
I am still, I am quiet / I am yours
I am still, I am quiet / I am yours
Still
quiet
I am yours

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 6.1-11

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon:

Sabbath Mercy

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 103. What is God’s will for you in the fourth commandment?

First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God’s people to learn what God’s Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin already in this life the eternal Sabbath.

Hymn of Response:

***All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Trinity Hymnal #605***

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.