

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jesus is the Inescapable One—sooner or later everyone must take up a position with regard to Him and must choose for or against Him. A man's attitude towards Him reveals and defines the real quality of his character. It is not an outward "doing good" or a "good life" that counts before God...; what really matters is his attitude towards Christ. (Norval Geldenhuys)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 103.1-5, 13, 22b*

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.

**People: As a father shows compassion to his children,
So the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

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 Gospel: *Hebrews 11.6*

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Hebrews 4.14-16*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Refrain

*I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty; come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh. **Refrain**

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all. **Refrain**

Lo! The incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly;
Let no other trust intrude. **Refrain**

Testimony

Hymn of Meditation: *O God beyond All Praising Trinity Hymnal #660*

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 7.1-10*

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: *The Faith Jesus Is Worthy to Receive*

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of Response: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul Trinity Hymnal #508*

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.