

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same.
I have found that the doubts that afflict me from many sources—from science, from comparative religion, from an innate defect of skepticism, from aversion to the church—take on a new light when I bring those doubts to the man named Jesus. (Philip Yancey)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 63.1-4

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
People: So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
Beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
My lips will praise you.
Leader: So, I will bless you as long as I live;
In your name I will lift up my hands.
All: Let’s worship the Lord!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Jeremiah 9.23-24

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
To the glory of your name. Amen.

Comfort of the Gospel: Isaiah 55.6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Songs of Thanksgiving: Amazing Grace!
Trinity Hymnal #460

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

Hymn of Meditation: Just As I Am, without One Plea
Trinity Hymnal #501

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 7.18-35

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: Good Questions, Part 2

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: Colossians 1.15-20

He is the image of the invisible God,
The firstborn of all creation.
For by him all things were created,
In heaven and on the earth, visible and invisible,
Whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
All things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things,
And in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning,
The firstborn from the dead,
That in everything he might be preeminent.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
And through him to reconcile to himself all things,
Whether on earth or in heaven,
Making peace by the blood of his cross.

Hymn of Response: ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Trinity Hymnal # 679

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.