

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“If the Gospel announces anything, it announces a God who meets us where we are, not where we ought to be.”

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 145:18; 1 Chronicles 16:18*

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
**People: Therefore let us give thanks to the LORD,
Call upon His name,
Make known His deeds among the peoples,
Proclaim that His name is exalted.**
Leader: Let’s worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal #295*

Crown him with many crowns, / the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns / all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing / of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King / through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; / behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, / in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky / can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye / at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; / whose pow’r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, / absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; / and round his pierced feet
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend / their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, / the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, / ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! / for thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail / Throughout eternity.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *Psalm 146:4-5*

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Psalm 146:7-9*

“The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.”

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn 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.

Prayer of Intercession

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Luke 24:28-49*

Sermon: *The Road to Rest*

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

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 Preparation: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain
*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer’s blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? **Refrain**

Sursum Corda:

Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Distribution of Elements

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
“Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

Refrain
*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

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.