

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The reason that Jesus is in such close solidarity with us is that the difficult path we are on is not unique to us. He has journeyed on it himself. It is not only that Jesus can relieve us from our troubles, like a doctor prescribing medicine; it is also that, before any relief comes, he is with us in our troubles, like a doctor who has endured the same disease. (Ortlund)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 66.1, 5, 8-10, 12, 16

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
Sing the glory of his name;  
Give to him glorious praise!  
People: Come and see what God has done:  
He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.  
Leader: Bless our God, O peoples;  
Let the sound of his praise be heard,  
Who has kept our soul among the living  
And has not let our feet slip.  
People: For you, O God, have tested us  
You have tried us as silver is tried.  
... we went through fire and through water;  
Yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.  
Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
And I will tell what he has done for my soul.  
People: Let’s worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: O Church, Arise

O Church, arise, and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We’ll stand against the devil’s lies;  
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which  
He died,  
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath  
His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,  
Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Deuteronomy 6.4-5, 10-12

Hear O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And, these words that I command you today shall be in your heart. ... And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Hebrews 2.17-18

Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Like a River Glorious  
Trinity #699

Mission Speaker: Rev. Mark Horn

Hymn of Meditation: How Firm a Foundation  
Trinity #94

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.

\*Children dismissed to Little Church

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 4.1-13

Prayer of Illumination: The Book of Common Prayer

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scripture to be written for our instruction, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Sermon: Tempted, Tried and Never Failing

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2

The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come take upon him man’s nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ the only Mediator between God and man.

Hymn of Response: Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners  
Trinity #498

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.