

Elements of Reformed Worship*

Call to Worship: God calls us to worship him. He summons us into his presence and we gladly obey his command to glorify his holy name.

Invocation: As we enter into the presence of God, we call upon his name, the Name of the One who delivers us from our sin and who promises us eternal life in Christ.

The Law, Our Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon: We need assurance that God will not hold our sin against us, but truly forgive us for the sake of Christ! Here we're reassured that all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. God's Law drives us graciously to seek this reconciliation with God in Christ and with each other.

Congregational Prayer: Assured that our sins are forgiven, we may approach with confidence into the presence of God to receive help in our time of need. This prayer is not only for our congregation but for the church all over the world. Our prayers are heard only because of the one Mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Offering: Our offerings do not pay for our sins but are tokens of our recognition that everything we have, and everything we are, belong to God. We give for the sake of the ministry of the Word and for the sake of those in need. It is important for every believer to realize that the giving of an offering to God is an act of true worship.

Prayer for and Proclamation of the Word of God: We first of all pray for the Word of God to have its full effect on your minds and hearts, especially asking that we believe it and therefore be saved. The Word is powerful and able to transform, to build up and tear down any obstacle to godliness and holiness. As God plants His Word in our hearts, it bears the peaceful fruit of righteousness for all "*who have ears to hear.*"

Prayer of Application: All that we do in worship is in response to God's undeserved grace, a grace that moves us to want to dedicate our lives in practical service for His glory.

Benediction: The Benediction is a word of blessing; God's promise to keep us and be gracious to us always. It is a word of peace, so that we might be always confident that God is favorably disposed to us; that God is not out to "get us" but is working everything out for our salvation and our good.

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MORNING WORSHIP

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GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude

Announcements & Silent Reflection

Salutation & Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
345 Trinity Hymnal (all verses)

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?—
grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know. **

Invocation & Reading of God's Law

Confession of Sin (unison)

Psalm 142 (p 619 pew Bible)

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. (Psalm 19)

Assurance of Pardon

*** Song of Response** *Christ Our Hope In Life & Death*
1 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.
Chorus: O sing hallelujah, Our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah, Now and
ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.
2 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?
(Chorus)
3 Unto the grave what will 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.
(Chorus): [repeat last line] Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and
death.
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We Petition God Congregational Prayer

Offering & Hymn *Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer*
713 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1-3)
1 Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
and humbly, with united cry, to you for mercy call.
2 The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away;
but hear us from your lofty throne, and help us when we pray.
3 Our fathers' sins were manifold, and ours no less we own,
yet wondrously from age to age your goodness has been shown. **

*** Gloria Patri** *#735 Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

*** Prayer For Illumination**
Scripture 2 Peter 2:4-22 (p 1208 pew Bible)
Sermon The Lord Who Rescues the Godly and Judges the Unrighteous
Prayer of Application
*** Closing Hymn** *O Lord, Be Thou My Helper True*
50 Trinity Hymnal (all verses)
1 O Lord, be thou my helper true, for just and godly men are few;
the faithful who can find? From truth and wisdom men depart,
with flattering lips and double heart they speak their evil mind.
2 The lips that speak, the truth to hide, the tongues of arrogance and pride,
that boastful words employ, false-speaking tongues that boast their might,
that own no law, that know no right, Jehovah will destroy.
3 Because the poor are sore oppressed, because the needy are distressed,
and bitter are their cries, the Lord will be their helper strong;
to save them from contempt and wrong Jehovah will arise.
4 Jehovah's promises are sure, his words are true, his words are pure
as silver from the flame. Though base men walk on ev'ry side,
his saints are safe, whate'er betide, protected by his name. **

*** Benediction**
*** Doxology** *#731 Trinity Hymnal*

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