

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 our 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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LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

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GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Salutation & Call to Worship

Ps 72:1-14 (p 573, pew Bible)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

* Opening Hymn

By Faith (all verses)
23 *Covenant Praises*

1 By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

2 By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

3 By faith the prophets saw a day When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

4 By faith the church was called to go In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news In ev'ry corner of the earth

5 By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name

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Invocation

Reading of God's Law

Exodus 20:1-17 (p 72, pew Bible)

Confession of Sin (Unison)

You, O Lord, have promised that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive us. Humbly we come seeking Your forgiveness, that we may know the joy of Your presence and the light of Your face. You alone know our hearts, how often we have offended You, how often we have offended others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought; every false word; every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have lived not for You, but for ourselves. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us; by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(1 John 1:8-9, below)

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* Song of Response

O Zion, Haste # 444 *Trinity Hymnal*, (verses 1-3)

1 O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release

2 Behold how many thousands still are lying,
bound in the dark-some prison-house of sin,
with none to tell them of the Savior's dying,
or of the life he died for them to win. [**Refrain**]

3 Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
and died on earth that man might live above. [**Refrain**] **

Profession of Faith of Nolan Lyford

We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

Offering & Hymn

Hail to The Lord's Anointed # 311 *Trinity Hymnal*

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity. [cont]

4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever – that name to us is Love. **

* Gloria Patri

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture

2 Peter 3:1-7 (p 1208, pew Bible)

Sermon God

The Promised Coming By the Word of

Prayer of Application

* Closing Hymn

O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All
322 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 O quickly come, dread Judge of all; for, awful though thine advent be,
all shadows from the truth will fall, and falsehood die, in sight of thee:
O quickly come, for doubt and fear like clouds dissolve when thou art near.

2 O quickly come, great King of all; reign all around us and within;
let sin no more our souls enthrall, let pain and sorrow die with sin:
O quickly come, for thou alone canst make thy scattered people one.

3 O quickly come, true Life of all, for death is mighty all around;
on ev'ry home his shadows fall, on ev'ry heart his mark is found:
O quickly come, for grief and pain can never cloud thy glorious reign.

4 O quickly come, sure Light of all, for gloomy night broods o'er our way;
and weakly souls begin to fall with weary watching for the day:
O quickly come, for round thy throne no eye is blind, no night is known. **

* Benediction

* Doxology

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

* Please stand if able

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