

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. **Adapted from Calvary URC, Rev. Charles Tedrick*

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GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude, Silent Reflection & Salutation

Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

For All the Saints

#358 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1-2, 5-6)

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia! **

God's Law & Confession of Sin (unison)

Psalm 143
(p 620 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 143:11
(p 620 pew Bible)

We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

Offering and Hymn

By Faith

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23 Covenant Praises (verses 1, 4-5)

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
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

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

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 (**Chorus**)

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* **Gloria Patri**

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

* **Hymn of Preparation**

To God My Earnest Voice I Raise
608 *Trinity Hymnal* (all

verses)

1 To God my earnest voice I raise, to God my voice imploring prays;
before his face my grief I show and tell my trouble and my woe.
2 When gloom and sorrow compass me, the path I take is known to thee,
and all the toils that foes do lay to snare thy servant in his way.
3 O Lord, my Savior, now to thee, without a hope besides, I flee,
to thee, my shelter from the strife, my portion in the land of life.
4 Be thou my help when troubles throng, for I am weak and foes are strong;
my captive soul from prison bring, and thankful praises I will sing. **

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Scripture

Revelation 2:10-11
(p 1219 pew Bible)

Sermon

Out of Prison

Prayer of Application

* **Closing Hymn**

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
57 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
he shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.
2 Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
he is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
he delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.
3 Food he daily gives the hungry, Sets the mourning prisoner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends,
helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.
4 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;
unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing. **

* **Benediction**

* **Doxology**

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

* Please stand if able

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