

# Metaphors for the Church - The Bride of Christ

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.*

Revelation 22:17

“The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.”

And let the one who hears say, “Come.”

And let the one who is thirsty come;

let the one who desires take the  
water of life without price.”



# CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.*

## CONFESSION

TOGETHER

Jesus, you are a faithful, and pursuing God!  
But we confess, that while you have been faithful,  
we have been unfaithful  
We seek comfort in the pleasures of the world,  
neglecting what can only be found in You.  
Christ have mercy on us, and open our eyes;  
that we may clearly see you, and your never ending,  
always pursuing love.

## ASSURANCE

LEADER

You are the Bride of Christ!  
In the cross and resurrection of Jesus,  
God has loved you with a pursuing, everlasting love.  
When He saw you dead in your sin, He called to you: LIVE!  
He covered your nakedness in His righteousness  
and made you His own.  
In Christ You are pursued, you are desired,  
and God is jealous for your heart.  
And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you  
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

TOGETHER

We are the Bride of Christ.  
Thanks be to God!



# BENEDICTION

*A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.*

...based on Revelation 19:6-9

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the

Lamb.”

And he said to me,

“These are the true words of God.”

