

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*E're since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die....*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**People: Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Leader: Who satisfies you with good
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all my sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. **Refrain**

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today. **Refrain**

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

1 Peter 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

1 Peter 1.18-19

...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Reflection:

I Asked the Lord

I asked the Lord that I might grow / In faith, and love, and every grace;
Might more of His salvation know, / And seek, more earnestly, His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, / And He, I trust, has answered prayer!
But it has been in such a way, / As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour, / At once He'd answer my request;
And by His love's constraining pow'r, / Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel / The hidden evils of my heart;
And let the angry pow'rs of hell / Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more, with His own hand He seemed / Intent to aggravate my woe;
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, / Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.

Lord, why is this, I trembling cried, / Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?
"'Tis in this way, the Lord replied, / I answer prayer for grace and faith.

These inward trials I employ, / From self, and pride, to set thee free;
And break thy schemes of earthly joy, / That thou may'st find thy all in Me.

Prayer of Intercession

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.

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 6.1-13, 28-30; 7.1-7

Sermon:

Treating the Discouraged

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Profession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith 29.1

Our Lord Jesus, in the night wherein He was betrayed, instituted the sacrament of His body and blood, called the Lord's Supper, to be observed in His Church, unto the end of the world, for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of Himself in His death; the sealing all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto Him; and to be a bond and pledge of their communion with Him, and with each other, as members of His mystical body.

Hymn of Preparation:

His Mercy Is More

Refrain

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. **Refrain**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. **Refrain**

Sursum Corda:

Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response:

His Mercy Is More

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

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.