

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 118. 14, 17, 19, 22-24

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song;

People: He has become my salvation.

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,
And recount the deeds of the LORD.

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
That I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Greeting:

based on Luke 24.34

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

“Christ the Lord is risen today,” Alleluia! / Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! / Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! / Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia! / Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! / Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia! / Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! / Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia! / Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia! / Praise to thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! / Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia!

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Romans 6.12-13

Let no sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Romans 6.5

...if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

See What a Morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, / With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;

Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, / As the angels announce, “Christ is risen!”

See God’s salvation plan, / Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,

Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, / For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, “Where is He laid?” / As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;

Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; / It’s the Master, the Lord raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years, / Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,

Will sound till He appears, / For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, / Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.

Honor and blessing, glory and praise / To the King crowned with pow’r and authority!

And we are raised with Him, / Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;

And we shall reign with Him, / For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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 15.1-21

Sermon:

He Has Become My Salvation!

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed:

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation:

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)

But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? (We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)

Is a new creation coming? (It is)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy of this? (He is)

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe / Every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this?

He is!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is! He is!

Sursum Corda:

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response:

Up from the Grave He Arose

Low in the grave He lay Jesus my Savior!

Waiting the coming day / Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

Up from the grave He arose / With a mighty triumph o’er His foes

He arose a Victor from the dark domain / And He lives forever with His saints to reign

He arose! He arose! / Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed / Jesus, my Savior!

Vainly they seal the dead / Jesus my Lord! **Refrain**

Death cannot keep his prey / Jesus, my Savior!

He tore the bars away / Jesus my Lord! **Refrain**

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.