

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe; forward into battle, see, his banners go.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 63.1-4; 141.1-2

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.
As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
Beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
My lips will praise you.

**People: So I will bless you as long as I live;
In your name I will lift up my hands.**

Leader: O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me!
Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

**People: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night / Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of / The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace / That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy / With endless life

Chorus

*May the peoples praise You / Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes / That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within / Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You / To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us / For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace / To spread Your Word ***Chorus***

This our holy privilege to declare / Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue, / Your church proclaims ***Chorus***

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

1 Peter 5.6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

1 Peter 2.9-10

...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession....
Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Every Promise of Your Word

From the breaking of the dawn / To the setting of the sun,
I will stand on every promise of Your word. / Words of power, strong to save,
That will never pass away, / I will stand on every promise of Your word.
For Your covenant is sure, / And on this I am secure,
I can stand on every promise of Your word.

When I stumble and I sin, / Condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of Your word. / You are faithful to forgive,
That in freedom I might live, / So I stand on every promise of Your word.
Guilt to innocence restored: / You remember sins no more!
So I’ll stand on every promise of Your word.

When I’m faced with anguished choice, / I will listen for Your voice,
And I’ll stand on every promise of Your word. / Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with your hand / As I stand on every promise of Your word.
And you’ve promised to complete / Every work begun in me,
So I’ll stand on every promise of Your word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, / Love that casts out every fear,
As I stand on every promise of Your word. / Not forsaken, not alone,
For the Comforter has come, / And I stand on every promise of Your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me, / Grace for all who will believe,
We will stand on every promise of Your word

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 17.8-16

Sermon:

A Hand upon the Throne

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Profession of Faith:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 116. Why do Christians need to pray?

Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And, also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them.

Hymn of Preparation:

Psalm 61

Hear my cry, O Lord; attend unto my prayer,
From the end of the earth, I will cry unto Thee.

Chorus

*When my heart is overwhelmed, Lead me to the Rock.
Lead me to the Rock that’s higher than I.*

For thou has been a shelter for me,
And a strong tower from the enemy. **Chorus**

I will abide in Thy tabernacle forever.
I will trust in the covert of Thy wings. **Chorus**

So will I sing praise unto Thy name forever
That I may daily perform on my vows. **Chorus**

*When my heart is overwhelmed, Lead me to the Rock.
Lead me to the Rock that’s higher,
Lead me to the Rock that’s higher,
Lead me to the Rock that’s higher than I.*

Sursum Corda:

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

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response:

Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare: / Jesus loves to answer prayer;
he himself has bid thee pray, / therefore will not say thee nay;
therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King, / large petitions with thee bring;
for his grace and pow’r are such, / none can ever ask too much;
none can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin: / “Lord, remove this load of sin;
let thy blood, for sinners spilt, / set my conscience free from guilt;
set my conscience free from guilt.

“Lord, I come to thee for rest, / take possession of my breast;
there thy blood-bought right maintain, / and without a rival reign;
and without a rival reign.

“While I am a pilgrim here, / let thy love my spirit cheer;
as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend, / lead me to my journey’s end;
lead me to my journey’s end.

“Show me what I have to do, / ev’ry hour my strength renew:
let me live a life of faith, let me die thy people’s death,
let me die thy people’s death.”

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.