

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Happy the home where Jesus' name is sweet to every ear;
Where children early lisp his fame, and parents hold him dear.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 113.1-4, 7-9

Leader: Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD!

**People: Blessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and forevermore!**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the LORD is to be praised!

**People: The LORD is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens!**

Leader: He raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**People: To make them sit with princes,
With the princes of his people.**

Leader: He gives the barren woman a home,
Making her the joyous mother of children.

People: Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Romans 12.1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Romans 1.16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

God Consecrates Us by Presentation, Praise & Prayer

Recognition of Graduates

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God / With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, / In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, / Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, / And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God / Through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts / And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, / And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills / In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, / The Father, now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns / With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God / Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, / And shall be evermore.

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 18.1-27

Sermon:

Witness and Wisdom

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 32. Why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Hymn of Response:

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. **Refrain**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! **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.