

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*’Tis but a little while, and he shall come again, who died that we might live,
who lives that we with him may reign:*

*Then, O my Lord, prepare my soul for that great day;
O wash me in thy precious blood, and take my sins away.*

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 27.1, 4, 13-14

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: One thing have I asked of the LORD,
That will I seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
And to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living!

People: Wait for the LORD;

Leader: Be strong, and let your heart take courage;

People: Wait for the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery / In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heavens praises / Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness / Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended / Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery / He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering / Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam / Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment / Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery / Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners / Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption / See the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory / Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery / Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain Him / Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance / How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected / As we will be when he comes

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Matthew 5.21-22

You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

John 3.16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Compassion Hymn

There is an everlasting kindness you lavished on us,
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress,
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand,
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again.
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears;
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

Chorus

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise
As we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief,
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry this Gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need;
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless, with the mercy of Christ. **Chorus**

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 20.13

Sermon:

We’re Pro-Life!

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 107. Is it enough then that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way?

No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly to them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

Hymn of Response:

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv’n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav’nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine, Our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev’ry snare and foe shall great deliv’rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv’n
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav’n

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.