THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever! We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home, To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Revelation 11:17; Psalm 145:10

Leader: We offer thanks to you, LORD God Almighty,

Who is and Who was,

People: For you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

People: And all your saints shall bless you!

Let us worship the LORD!

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:

Romans 1:21-23

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Romans 5:8,11

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us... More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness / To Him who bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace / And gave me life again; Who crushed my curse of sinfulness / And clothed me in His light And wrote His law of righteousness / With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness / To Him who walks beside; Who floods my weaknesses with strength / And causes fears to fly; Whose ev'ry promise is enough / For ev'ry step I take, Sustaining me with arms of love / And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness / To Him who reigns above, Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, / Whose ev'ry thought is love. For ev'ry day I have on earth / Is given by the King; So I will give my life, my all, / To love and follow Him.

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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:

Psalm 107

Sermon:

A True and Better Thanksgiving

* Children dismissed for Little Church

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith:

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,

but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free

from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father

not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready

from now on to live for him

Q. 2. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; Second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Hymn of Response: All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, / Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia! / Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, / O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, / Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia / Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, / O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, / Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! / Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light, / O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, / Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleuia! / Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on him cast your care, / O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, / And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! / Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, three in one, / O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!

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.