

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne, make all my wants and wishes known!*

### *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

#### **Call to Worship:**

***Psalm 50.1-6, 14-15***

Leader: The Mighty One, God the Lord speaks and summons the earth  
From the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Leader: Our God comes; he does not keep silence;  
Before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

**People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,  
That he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
Who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"**

Leader: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

**People: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
And perform your vows to the Most High,**

Leader: And call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

#### ***Prayer of Invocation***

#### ***Hymn of Praise:***

***O Worship the King***

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
Whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
In true adoration shall sing to your praise!

### *God Cleanses Us by His Grace*

#### **Conviction of the Gospel:**

***Philippians 4.6-7***

**...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

#### **Confession of Sin**

#### **Comfort of the Gospel:**

***Philippians 4.19***

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

### *God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer*

#### **Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come Ye Sinners, Poor & Wretched**

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, / Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, / Full of pity joined with pow'r:  
He is able, He is able, / He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, / God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, / Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,  
Without money, without money, / Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, / Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, / You will never come at all:  
Not the righteous, not the righteous, / Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, / Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth / Is to feel your need of him;  
This he gives you, this he gives you, / 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! the incarnate God, ascended, / Pleads the merit of his blood;  
Venture on him, venture wholly, / Let no other trust intrude:  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, / Can do helpless sinners good.

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore.

#### **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 2.11-25***

#### **Sermon:**

***Groaning Becomes Praying***

### *God Commissions Us to Serve Him*

#### **Profession of Faith:**

***The Heidelberg Catechism***

Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

**A: 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 Response:**

***Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God***

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord,  
Come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin,  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.

#### **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.