

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

### **Call to Worship:**

***Psalm 47.1-7***

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**People: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
A great king over all the earth.**

Leader: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**People: He chose our heritage for us,  
The pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,  
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;  
Sing praises with a psalm!

## ***Prayer of Invocation***

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

***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

Crown him with many crowns, / the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns / all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing / of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King / through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; / behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, / in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky / can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye / at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; / whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, / absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; / and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend / their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, / the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, / ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! / for thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail / Throughout eternity.

## ***God Cleanses Us by His Grace***

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

***Ephesians 6.10-13***

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

### ***Confession of Sin***

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

***Ephesians 2.8-9***

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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

### ***Hymn of Thanksgiving: Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death***

What is our hope in life and death? / Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? / That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? / What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? / The love of Christ, in which we stand.

#### ***Refrain***

*O sing hallelujah! / Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing hallelujah! / Now and ever we confess / Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? / God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? / In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? / Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh / Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? ***Refrain***

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? / "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? / Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, / Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, / When Christ is ours forevermore. ***Refrain x2***

### ***Prayer of Intercession***

## ***God Counsels Us through His Word***

### ***Scripture Reading:***

***1 Samuel 17.41-47***

### ***Sermon:***

***Jesus, Our Champion***

## ***God Communes with Us in the Sacrament***

### ***Creed:***

***The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***Hymn of Preparation:***

***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

Rock of Ages, cleft for me / let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, / from thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, / cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands / can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, / could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; / thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, / simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; / helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; / wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, / when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, / see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, / let me hide myself in thee.

### ***Sursum Corda:***

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

## ***God Commissions Us to Serve Him***

### ***Hymn of Response:***

***O Church, Arise***

O church arise and put your armor on,/ Hear the call of Christ our captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong / In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,/ We'll stand against the devil's lies.  
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, / Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, / But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, / We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on every side, / We know the outcome is secure.  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died: / An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, / As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, / For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away, / And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day / Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride; / Give grace for every hurdle.  
That we may run with faith to win the prize / Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old, still line the way, / Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day / When with Christ we stand in Glory.

### ***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.