

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he my Savior makes me whole.
Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins.

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55.1-3

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
People: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
And your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Leader: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
And delight yourself in rich food.
People: Incline your ear, and come to me;
Hear, that your soul may live;
Leader: And I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
My steadfast, sure love for David.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Fairest Lord Jesus Trinity #170

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, / Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, / thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, / robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, / who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, / and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer / than all the angels heav’n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! / Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, / now and for evermore be thine.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Romans 10.6-10

But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Romans 5.6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure,
Source of purest pleasure
Truest friend to me
Long my heart hath panted
’Til it well-nigh fainted
Thirsting after Thee
Thine I am, O spotless lamb
I will suffer naught to hide Thee
Ask for naught beside Thee
Ask for naught beside Thee

In Thy strength I rest me
If Thy arms protect me
Who can reach me here?
Though the earth be shaking
Every heart be quaking
God dispels our fear
Sin and hell in conflict fell
With their heaviest storms assail us
Jesus will not fail us
Jesus will not fail us

Banished is our sadness
For the Lord of gladness Jesus enters in
Those who love the Father
Though the storms may gather
Still have peace within
Yea, whate’er we here must bear
Still in Thee lies purest pleasure
Jesus, priceless treasure
Jesus, priceless treasure

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.

*Children dismissed to Little Church

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: John 6.37

Sermon: Jesus’ Warm Welcome

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 60. How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Hymn of Response: Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and 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 requires is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, ’Tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Lo! th’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;

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.