

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*My heart is stirred by a noble theme, As I recite my verses for the king;  
My tongue is the pen of a skillful writer. (Psalm 45.1)*

### *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

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

***Isaiah 9.2, 5-7a***

Leader: The people who walked in darkness  
Have seen a great light;

**People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
On them has light shone.**

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
And the government shall be upon his shoulder,

**People: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Of the increase of his government and of peace  
There will be no end....

**All: Let's worship the King!**

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

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

***Hail to the Lord's Anointed***

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, / Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, / His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, / To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression, / And rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy / To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, / And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, / Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, / Were precious in his sight,

He shall come down like showers / Upon the fruitful earth;  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, / Spring in his path to birth;  
Before him on the mountains / Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness, in fountains, / From hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, / He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, / All-blessing and all-blessed;  
The tide of time shall never / His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand for ever— / That Name to us is Love.

### *God Cleanses Us by His Grace*

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

***Colossians 3.15-17***

**And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

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

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

***Colossians 1.11-14***

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

#### **Hymn of Thanksgiving:**

***Comfort, Comfort Ye My People***

Comfort, comfort ye my people, / speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness, / mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem / of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover, / and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, / blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved his anger / he no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many a day / now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness / into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying / in the desert far and near,  
Bidding all men to repentance, / since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey! / Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet him, / and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, / make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble, / as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord / now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token, / that his word is never broken.

#### ***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:**

***Psalms 72.1-20***

#### **Sermon:**

***Long Live the King!***

### *God Commissions Us to Serve Him*

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

***The Heidelberg Catechism***

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

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready for now on to live for him.**

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

***All Glory Be to Christ***

Should nothing of our efforts stand / No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house / In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain / Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn / All glory be to Christ!

#### **Refrain**

*All glory be to Christ our King! / All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign will ever sing / All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread / Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy / The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet / All glory be to Christ!

#### **Refrain**

When on the day the great I Am / The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain / Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us / And be our steadfast light  
And we shall ere his people be / All glory be to Christ!

#### **Refrain**

#### **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.