

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Suppose people generally began to say,
“By God’s help I will live by the Ten Commandments every day from now on?” (Packer)

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!
People: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
And your labor for that which does not satisfy?
People: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
And delight yourselves in rich food.
Leader: Incline your ear, and come to me;
Hear, that your soul may live;
All: And I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
My steadfast, sure love for David

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: Psalm 119. 97, 103, 105, 127, 129, 164
Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold. Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Romans 10.4, 9

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. ...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.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Refrain
Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? Refrain

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign! Refrain

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 20.1-21

Sermon: God’s Law is Beautiful!

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q.115: No one in this life can obey the ten commandments perfectly: why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God’s image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.

Hymn of Response: We Are God’s People

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord
Born of His Spirit established by His Word
Our cornerstone is Christ alone and strong in Him we stand
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand

We are God’s loved one, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God
And so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a Temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace.
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light and to inspire.

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.