

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

God the Father is altogether Jesus-like—
that is the most breathtaking news that anyone can ever hear. (Packer)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 96.1-9

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
People: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!
People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
But the LORD made the heavens.
People: Splendor and majesty are before him;
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
Bring an offering and come into his courts!
Leader: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
Tremble before him, all the earth!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above,
/ O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
/ pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O 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.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
/ Almighty, your pow’r has founded of old;
Has ‘stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
/ and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

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 distils 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! Ineffable Love!
/ While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
/ with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: John 4.23-24

But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when the true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth,
for the Father is seeking such peo-
ple to worship him. God is spirit,
and those who worship him must wor-
ship in spirit and truth.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: John 3.16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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 20.4-6

Sermon: He Cares How We Worship

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith 21.1

The light of nature sheweth that there is a God,
who hath lordship and sovereignty over all;
is good, and doeth good unto all;
and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised,
called upon, trusted in, and served with all the
heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might.
But the acceptable way of worshiping the true
God is instituted by himself, and so limited by his
own revealed will, that he may not be worshiped
according to the imaginations and devices of men,
or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible
representation, or any other way not prescribed
in the Holy Scripture

Hymn of Response: The Risen Christ (O Breath of God)

O breath of God, come fill this place;
Revive our hearts to know Your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the Risen Christ.

O word of God, so clear and true,
Renew our minds to trust in You;
And give to us the bread of life
That we may know the Risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained,
Refresh our souls in Jesus’ name.
Let us reflect Your sacrifice
That we may know the Risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the Risen Christ.

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.