

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, Find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, And having God as his Father. ... ‘Father’ is the Christian name for God.” (Packer)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 105.1-6

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; Make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; Tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

People: Seek the LORD and his strength; Seek his presence continually!

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, His miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

People: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, Children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, / to his feet your tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, / who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, / praise him, praise him, Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor / to our fathers in distress; Praise him, still the same forever, / slow to chide and swift to bless; Praise him, praise him, / praise him, praise him, Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; / well our feeble frame he knows; In his hands he gently bears us, / rescues us from all our foes; Praise him, praise him, / praise him, praise him, Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer’s flow’r we flourish, / blows the wind and it is gone; But while mortals rise and perish, / God endures unchanging on. Praise him, praise him, / praise him, praise him, Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; / you behold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before him, / dwellers all in time and space, Praise him, praise him, / praise him, praise him, Praise with us the God of grace.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Ephesians 6.1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Ephesians 1.3, 7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.... ... In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace....

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: His Mercy Is More

Chorus Praise the Lord, His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, New every morn’ Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, His mercy is more Chorus

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, His mercy is more Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment His life was the cost We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, His mercy is more Chorus

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 20.12

Sermon: Honor Your Father and Mother

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 104. What is God’s will for you in the fifth commandment?

That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings—for through them God chooses to rule us.

Hymn of Response: How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; For I am your God, and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; The flame shall not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E’en down to old age all my people shall prove My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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.