

Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its successive journeys run; His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made and praises throng to crown His head. His name like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns: the prisoners leaps to loose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

BenedictionBenediction Response: "May You Run and Not Be Weary"

May you run and not be weary
 May your heart be filled with song
 And may the love of God
 Continue to give you hope
 And keep you strong
 And may you run and not be weary
 May your life be filled with joy
 And may the road you travel
 Always lead you home

PostludePreludeCall to Worship: [Based on Psalm 8:1-3]

Leader: Our Lord and Ruler, you have set your glory above the heavens!

People: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Leader: With praises from children and from tiny infants you have built a fortress. You make your enemies silent, and all who turn against you are left speechless.

People: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Leader: I often think of the heavens which your hands have made and how the moon and stars were put in place by you.

People: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Leader: Let us worship our great God!

Hymn of Praise: "How Majestic is Your Name"

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth
 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth
 O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify
 Your name. Prince of peace, mighty God
 O Lord, God Almighty

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Creator God, we confess that sometimes we do not live like your daughters and sons. We are a busy people, a forgetful people, a simple people, and so we confess that often we have failed to consider the work of your fingers. Lord, we fall short in so many ways.

People: Lord, we humbly repent.

Leader: As created ones we sometimes forget that we are not like you. We cannot grasp what kind of a God can use the weakest means- even from the mouths of babies and infants- to disarm enemies. We often think of ourselves as both more and less than we are— more important and less glorious. We live more like consumers and less like stewards. We speak in terms of our rights, but not of being a blessing. Instead of being humbled by your care, we live like we are entitled to it.

People: Lord, we humbly repent. (continued)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (continued)

Leader: And yet you consider us, and your gaze causes us to blush, so much so that sometimes we think of ourselves as lesser creatures than you have made us to be. We confess there are days we feel more like worms than human beings.

People: Lord, we humbly repent.

Leader: We are grateful that we can then turn our eyes to your Son, Jesus, the one in whom all things are being made new, the one who even now is at work reconciling us to you and to each other. All of which has been done through the cross. God we thank you that because of your great love for us, even when we are dead in our sins, you make us alive together with Christ. By grace, you save us. Amen

Hymn of Response: "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Hymn of Preparation: "Thou Art Worthy"

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy
Thou art worthy O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor and power
For Thou hast created; hast all things created
Thou has created all things
And for Thy pleasure they are created
Thou art worthy O Lord

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 8

Sermon: "Our Chief Purpose..."

We Glorify because God first Glorified Us"

Responding to God's Word

Profession of Faith: [Modern version of The Larger Westminster Catechism Q&A 1-2]

Leader: What is the primary and highest purpose for humankind?

People: The primary and highest purpose for humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him fully forever.

Leader: What evidence is there for God?

People: Humankind's internal natural understanding, and the works of God, plainly indicate that there is a God. However, God's Word and Spirit are the only ways God sufficiently and effectually reveals himself to humankind for their salvation.

Prayer of the People

All: 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.