

Invocation

Order for Holy Communion (OHC), 1

***Come, Now Is The Time to Worship***

*by Brian Doerksen*

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God,  
One day every knee will bow,  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now

*Call to Worship*

The work of the Creator is visible.

**Let us respond with praise.**

The example of Jesus is apparent.

**Let us respond with obedience.**

The wind of the Spirit is blowing

**Let us respond with joy.**

The word of God is calling.

**Let us worship in spirit and in truth.**

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

*by Isaac Watts*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

by Henry F. Lyte

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and Heaven are still mine own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
And while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn and pain!  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure; with Thy favor, loss is gain.  
I have called Thee, "Abba, Father"; I have set my heart on Thee:  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Many trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation; rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;  
Joy to find in every station something still to do or bear:  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee; what a Father's smile is thine;  
What a Savior died to win thee, child of heaven, shouldst thou repine?

Haste then on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer,  
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
Hope soon change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Kyrie

OHC, 2

**We Gather, We Sing**

words by David Augsburg, adapted from the Ausbund, music by Jason Barr

We gather, we sing from the heart,  
We celebrate Christ-unity  
And in our midst Jesus takes part,  
Creating his community  
Together we sing out his life,  
Together we sing out his grace.  
Together we sing out his gift,  
Together we sing out his peace;  
Together we sing out his peace.

We gather, we sing out our fears,  
Confess them in humility;

*Communion*

*CELEBRANT passes the elements to the first person, who partakes and then serves the next person, and so on until everyone who wishes has eaten and drunk, each ministering to one another. When passing the bread say "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven." For the wine say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." The reply is "Amen". The table is open to all who can in good conscience participate. Parents may decide whether it is appropriate to serve their children.*

*Post-communion prayer #2*

*OHC 8*

*Benediction and commission*

*OHC 8*

**You Have Called Us, Heavenly Father**

from the Ausbund

You have called us, Heavenly Father,  
You have bid us join your reign  
Jesus walked this way before us,  
He endured the cross and pain.  
If we follow, joy or sorrow  
We shall not have lived in vain.

You have promised, if we follow  
In the footsteps of your Son  
We will find him ever present  
And we never walk alone.  
Christ beside us, Christ to guide us;  
Your way, Lord, shall be our own.

Jesus, you are our example,  
You we daily imitate;  
Your life is our guide and model  
You reveal love incarnate.  
God we name you, Lord we claim you,  
The sole king we celebrate.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Gospel reading*  
*Matthew 16:21-28*

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for you to gain the whole world, yet forfeit your soul? Or what can you give in exchange for your soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward everyone according to what they have done.

"Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*Homily and discussion*

*Litany* *see attached sheet*  
*by Shane Claiborne, Chris Haw, James Loney, and Brian Walsh*

*Prayers of the people* *OHC 3*

*Prayer of confession* *OHC 4*

*Eucharistic prayer* *OHC 5*

*Sanctus* *OHC 5*

*Offering of the elements* *OHC 5*

*Vows of love for God and neighbor* *OHC 6*

*Words of Institution* *OHC 6*

*Memorial Acclamation* *OHC 6*

*Lord's Prayer and the Passing of the Peace* *OHC/7*

*Agnus Dei* *OHC 7*

And as we meet Jesus appears  
And transforms our futility  
Together we re-read his words  
Together we recall his death,  
Together we retell his works  
Together we re-breathe his breath;  
Together we re-breathe his breath.

We gather, we sing out our pain,  
Our sadness our grief and our loss;  
And as we meet Jesus again,  
We yield to the way of the cross.  
Together we search for his will,  
Together we offer our prayer,  
Together we surrender all,  
Together we rest in his care;  
Together we rest in his care.

*Collect*

**Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading*  
*Jeremiah 15:15-21*

LORD, you understand;  
remember me and care for me.  
Avenge me on my persecutors.  
You are long-suffering—do not take me away;  
think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.

When your words came, I ate them;  
they were my joy and my heart's delight,  
for I bear your name,  
LORD God Almighty.

I never sat in the company of revelers,  
never made merry with them;  
I sat alone because your hand was on me  
and you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unending  
and my wound grievous and incurable?  
You are to me like a deceptive brook,  
like a spring that fails.

Therefore this is what the LORD says:  
"If you repent, I will restore you  
that you may serve me;  
if you utter worthy, not worthless, words,  
you will be my spokesman.  
Let this people turn to you,  
but you must not turn to them.

I will make you a wall to this people,  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you  
but will not overcome you,  
for I am with you  
to rescue and save you,"  
declares the LORD.

"I will save you from the hands of the wicked  
and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

*Response*

*Psalm 26:1-8*

Vindicate me, LORD,  
**for I have led a blameless life;  
I have trusted in the LORD  
and have not faltered.**

Test me, LORD, and try me,  
**examine my heart and my mind;**  
For I have always been mindful of your unfailing love  
**and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.**  
I do not sit with the deceitful,  
**nor do I associate with hypocrites.**

I abhor the assembly of evildoers  
**and refuse to sit with the wicked.**  
I wash my hands in innocence,  
**and go about your altar, LORD,**  
Proclaiming aloud your praise  
**and telling of all your wonderful deeds.**

LORD, I love the house where you live,  
**the place where your glory dwells.**

*Epistle reading*

*Romans 12:9-21*

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one an-

other in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not think you are superior.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.  
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Response*

*Canticle: Philippians 2:1-2, 5-11*

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ,  
**if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit,  
if any tenderness and compassion,**  
then make my joy complete by being like-minded,  
**having the same love,  
being one in spirit and of one mind.**

In your relationships with one another,  
**have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had:**

Who, being in very nature God,  
**did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;**  
rather, he made himself nothing  
**by taking the very nature of a servant,**  
being made in human likeness.  
**And being found in appearance as a human being,**  
he humbled himself  
**by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!**

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
**and gave him the name that is above every name,**  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
**in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**  
**and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**