

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

- *The bullet points indicate when to stand if you are able.*

**GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO
WORSHIP HIM**

Let us stand as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now calls His Church into His presence to worship Him. I ask you this morning:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, how is it possible for us to enter now into the presence of the Almighty God?

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We have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and we have a great Priest over the house of God. Thus, we are to draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.

Hebrews 10:19b,20, 21, 22a

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Call to Worship

Psalm 89: 1, 5-6, 14-15

Please stand, if you are able.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever: with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD: Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

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For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around Him?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Blessed are the people who know the joyful shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance.

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Opening Prayer

(Pray in Unison)

Prayer based on Psalm 84

Please stand, if you are able.

Our Father in heaven, how lovely are Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts! Our souls longed and even yearned for Your presence; Our hearts and flesh sing for joy to You, the living God. Just like a bird that finds a house and a swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young, so do we find

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comfort in Your presence our King and our God! How blessed are we to dwell in Your presence; We are ever praising You! For You are a sun and a shield, LORD. You give grace and glory to Your people and withhold no good thing from those who walk uprightly. Accept our worship for the sake of Your own beloved Son in whose Name we pray.

Amen.

(End)

Psalm 84

“In Your Presence”

Please stand, if you are able.

Lord, I dearly love Your presence
more than words can ever tell;
how I yearn to see the beauty
of the courts in which You dwell.
Even sparrows there find refuge;
there the swallow rears her young;
what a joy to have a home there,
where unending praise is sung.

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Happy are the pilgrim people
pressing on to greater things,
finding water in the wasteland,
making it a place of springs;
on they go with mounting vigor
till they stand before Your throne;
God of Jacob, guard Your servants;
make Your lasting kindness known.

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In the hearts of all the faithful,
grace and glory are revealed—
lavish gifts You give so freely,
mighty Lord, our Sun and Shield.

Better humble, godly service
than a home where sin holds sway;
better one day in Your presence
than a thousand far away.

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**GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS,
TO REPENT AND TO RECONCILE**

God's Commandments

Exodus 20.1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Romans 7:24-8:1

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand, I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Hymn 17

“Our Great Savior”

Please stand, if you are able.

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

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Refrain

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

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Jesus! What a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my victory wins. [Refrain]

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Refrain

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

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Jesus! What a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]

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Refrain

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

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Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper!

While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'er takes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]

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We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 96. What is the Lord's Supper?

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Answer

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, His death is showed forth; and the worth receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith made partakers of His body and blood with all His benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

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*Q. 97. What is required to be the worthy receiving
of the Lord's supper?*

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Answer

It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love and new obedience; lest coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

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**We Worship God with Our
Tithes and Offerings**

Collecting of Tithes and Offerings

The earth is the LORD's and the fulness thereof, the world
and those who dwell therein.

Psalm 24:1

Prayer for God's Provision

(Led by Ruling Elder)

The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Please stand, if you are able.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 56

“To God Be the Glory”

Please stand, if you are able.

To God be the glory - great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

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Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

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O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood -
To every believer, the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

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Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

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Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath
done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.

But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

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**THE LORD SPEAKS TO US
THROUGH HIS WORD AND SACRAMENTS**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:1-12

Sermon

“God Saves to Glorify Himself”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

COMMUNION

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND
TO GOD'S WORD AND SACRAMENTS**

Prayer

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
For Mercy Ministry

Hymn 450

“Lift High the Cross”

Please stand, if you are able.

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Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

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Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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Set up Thy throne, and earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

The Blessing of God's People

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”