

# 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?

*(Continue)*

**Since we have a great high Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

*(End)*

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 63:1-5*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So, I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.**

*(Continue)*

Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

**So, I will bless You as long as I live; in Your Name, I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise You with joyful lips!**

*(End)*

# Opening Prayer

*(In Unison)*

*Please stand, if you are able.*



Almighty God and our Father in heaven, we praise and adore You this beautiful Sunday morning as our worship comes to You based on the merits of Jesus Christ alone. O Lord, You are great and greatly to be praised. All we have to do is look around us to see Your greatness displayed to us in Your creation. Yes, we can see Your wonderful work, power, and beauty in all things. Lord, we praise You that we are the creation of Your hands as well.

*(End)*

Together with the apostle Paul, we cry out, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are Your judgments and unfathomable Your ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME YOUR COUNSELOR? Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO YOU THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO YOU AGAIN? For from You and through You and to You are all things. To You be the glory forever.” Come and meet with Your people, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

*(Continue)*

*Hymn 43*

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

All hail the power of Jesus' Name,  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

*(Continue)*

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

*(Continue)*

Let every kindred, every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

*(Continue)*

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

*(End)*

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



# God's Commandments

*Exodus 20.1-17*

**We Pray and Confess Our Sin**  
*(Prayer by Pastor)*

# God's Assurance to His Repentant People

1 Peter 2:9-10

**But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him, Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.**

# Hymn 305

*“I Hear the Savior Say”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain;  
He washed it white as snow.

*(Continue)*

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone. Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain;  
He washed it white as snow.

*(Continue)*

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. Refrain:  
Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain;  
He washed it white as snow.

*(Continue)*

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat.

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain;  
He washed it white as snow.

*(End)*



# **We Profess Our Faith**

*Westminster Larger Catechism*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Q. 190. What do we pray for in the first petition?*

*(Continue)*

## **Answer**

**In the first petition (which is, Hallowed be Thy Name), acknowledging the utter inability and indisposition that is in ourselves and all men to honor God aright, we pray that God would by His grace enable and include us and others to know, to acknowledge, and highly to esteem Him, His titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, works, and whatsoever**

*(Continue)*

## **Answer**

**He is pleased to make Himself known by; and to glorify Him in thought, word, and deed: that He would prevent and remove atheism, ignorance, idolatry, profaneness, and whatsoever is dishonorable to Him; and by His overruling providence, direct and dispose of all things to His own glory.**

*(End)*

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Psalm 39*

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

# Collecting of Tithes and Offerings

Blessed be the LORD, my rock, Who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle; my lovingkindness, and my fortress; my stronghold and my deliverer; my shield and He in Whom I take refuge.

Psalm 144:1-2

# **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.*

# **New Testament Scripture Reading**

*I Timothy 6:1-10*

# Pastoral Prayer

# Hymn 358

*“Because He Lives”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

God sent His Son; they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal, and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives

### **Refrain**

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

*(Continue)*

How sweet to hold our newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives.

### **Refrain**

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

*(Continue)*

And then one day I'll cross that river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain,  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns.

### **Refrain**

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

*(End)*

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



# Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 55 (8, 9) & John 15:15*

# **Sermon**

**“God’s Ways Are Not Our Ways”**

**Pastor Rick Aschmann**

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

*Prayer*

# Hymn 148

*“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,  
from the heavens praise His name;  
praise the Lord, our great Creator;  
all His angels, praise proclaim.  
All His hosts, together praise Him,  
sun and moon and stars on high;  
praise the Lord, O heav'ns of heavens,  
and the floods above the sky.

*(Continue)*

## Refrain

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,  
for His name alone is high,  
and His glory is exalted,  
and His glory is exalted,  
and His glory is exalted,  
far above the earth and sky.

*(Continue)*

Let them praise the Lord their Maker:  
they were made at His command.  
God established them forever;  
His decree shall ever stand.  
Let the earth sing hallelujah:  
raging seas, you monsters all,  
fire and hail and snow and vapors,  
stormy winds that hear His call.

*(Continue)*

## Refrain

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,  
for His name alone is high,  
and His glory is exalted,  
and His glory is exalted,  
and His glory is exalted,  
far above the earth and sky.

*(Continue)*



All you fruitful trees and cedars,  
every hill and mountain high,  
creeping things and beasts and cattle,  
birds that in the heavens fly,  
kings of earth and all you people,  
princes great, earth's judges all;  
praise His name, young men and maidens,  
aged men, and children small.

*(Continue)*

## Refrain

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,  
for His name alone is high,  
and His glory is exalted,  
and His glory is exalted,  
and His glory is exalted,  
far above the earth and sky.

*(End)*

# THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*Please stand, if you are able.*

# The Blessing of God's People

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way; the Lord be with all of you.

2 Thess. 3:16

*Please stand, if you are able.*

**Leader:** “*Christ is Risen!*”

**All:** “*He is Risen Indeed!*”