PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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, where does your help come from?

Our help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust. Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths; Lead me in Your truth and teach me.

For You are the God of my salvation, for You I wait all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

Jeremiah 33:3 and Psalm 25

(End)

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Merciful God, You made us in Your image with minds to know You, hearts to love You, and wills to serve You. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, and our obedience incomplete. We refuse to go where You lead us. We fail to grow into Your likeness. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us and free us from our sin. We ask in the gracious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn 1

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Please stand, if you are able.

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor To our fathers in distress; Praise Him, still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him; You behold Him face to face. Saints triumphant, bow before Him; Gathered in from every race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!



GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS, TO REPENT AND TO RECONCILE

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin (Prayer led by RE David Holmes)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8.35, 37-39

Hymn 309

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Please stand, if you are able.

I will sing of my Redeemer, And His wondrous love to me; On the cruel cross He suffered, From the curse to set me free. Refrain Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer, With His blood He purchased me. On the cross He sealed my pardon, Paid the debt and made me free. (Continue)

I will tell the wondrous story, How, my lost estate to save, In His boundless love and mercy He the ransom freely gave. Refrain Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer, With His blood He purchased me. On the cross He sealed my pardon, Paid the debt and made me free. (Continue)

I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant power I'll tell, How the victory He giveth Over sin and death and hell. Refrain Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer, With His blood He purchased me. On the cross He sealed my pardon, Paid the debt and made me free. (Continue)

I will sing of my Redeemer, And His heavenly love to me, He from death to life hath bro't me, Son of God, with Him to be. Refrain Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer, With His blood He purchased me. On the cross He sealed my pardon, Paid the debt and made me free. (End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q 4. How does it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

Answer

A. The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God by their majesty and purity, by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 46:1-11

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

1 Peter 1:18-19

Prayer

(Led by a 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 Peter 2:13-29

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by RE David Holmes)

Psalm 98

"Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

Please stand, if you are able.

Come, let us sing unto the Lord New songs of praise with sweet accord' For wonders great by Him are done; His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God Is seen through all the earth abroad; Before the heathen's wond'ring sight, He hath revealed His truth and right.

He called to mind His truth and grace In promise made to Israel's race; And unto earth's remotest bound, Glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands to God lift up your voice; Sing praise to Him, with shouts rejoice; With voice of joy and loud acclaim, Let all unite and praise His name.

For lo, He comes; at His command All nations shall in judgment stand; In justice robed and throned in light, The Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading Psalm 96

Sermon

"Sing a New Song to the Lord"

Donald Cobb

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO HIS WORD

Prayer Donald Cobb

Hymn 21

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Please stand, if you are able.

O for thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease,'Tis music in the sinner's ears,'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread thro' all the earth abroad The honors of Thy Name.

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

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!"