PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Come into my presence with singing; come to me with shouts of praise!

We are glad to worship You, O Lord! We rejoice with songs of praise.

Come to me, all people. Come to me, find refuge, sing praise, and have your hearts renewed!

We shout for joy, O God! We shout Your praise because You have been good to us!

Psalm 32:11

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Psalm 34:1-4, 8 (ESV)

(End)

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Lord God, we thank You that You promised to be with us and never forsake us. Thank You for bringing us into Your presence today. We give You our hearts, our minds, and our lives. Come speak Your words of life into our hearts. We pray You deepen our comprehension, broaden our thinking, and transform our understanding of what we are about to hear from You. For You are our wise counsellor, our perfect teacher, and our faithful Father. Thank You, Lord, for hearing us.

Psalm 16

"Preserve Us, Lord, for You Are God"

Please stand, if you are able.

Preserve us, Lord, for You are God, and Refuge is Your name.Apart from You there is no good, and life is turned to shame.

But all the false gods of this world, who tempt us for our praise, bring sorrow, pain, and Your contempt, to all who walk their ways.

Our hearts are glad, our lives rejoice, in You we dwell secure For nothing can destroy our lives; Your Spirit holds us sure.

You lead us in the path of life, and bring us joy unknown; eternal life You've promised all who claim You for their own.

(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 led by RE David Holmes)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

Hymn #2

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Please stand, if you are able.

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all we bow before Thee; All on earth Thy scepter claim; All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain; Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim In unceasing chorus praising; Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name Thee, While in essence only one; Undivided God we claim Thee, And adoring, bend the knee While we sing our praise to Thee.

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 5. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Answer

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.

Q. 6. What do the Scriptures make known of God?

Answer

A. The Scriptures make known what God is, the persons in the Godhead, His decrees, and the execution of His decrees.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 47:1-9

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 3:1-12

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by RE David Holmes)

Hymn #539

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Please stand, if you are able.

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou, Lamb of Calvary. Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away. O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's passing dream, When death's cold, threatening stream Shall o'er me roll. Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove; O lift me safe above, A ransomed soul!

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading Galatians 5:1-15

Sermon

"For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free" Filipe Manoel

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO HIS WORD

Prayer Filipe Manoel

Song

"O Church Arise"

Please stand, if you are able.

O Church arise and put your armor on Hear the call of Christ our Captain For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies An army bold whose battle cry is Love Reaching out to those in darkness. (Continue) Our call to war to love the captive soul But to rage against the captor And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on every side We know the outcome is secure And Christ will have the prize for which He died An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet As the Son of God is stricken Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet For the Conqueror has risen.

And as the stone is rolled away And Christ emerges from the grave This vict'ry march continues till the day Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him. (Continue) So Spirit come put strength in every stride Give grace for ev'ry hurdle That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way Retelling triumphs of His grace We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory.

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People Led by Filipe Manoel

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!"