

# PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Prelude*

*(Continue)*

Let us stand as we come into the presence of the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Who has made us His own with the ultimate purpose to worship and serve Him. I ask you this morning:

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

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**Therefore, brethren, since 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 since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.**

**Hebrews 10:19-22**

*(Continue)*

Praise the LORD! Praise the Name of the LORD; Praise Him, O servants of the LORD,

**You who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is lovely.**

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His own possession.

**For I know that the LORD is great and that our Lord is above all gods.**

Psalm 135:1-5

*(End)*

# Opening Prayer

*(In Unison)*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

**Our Father in heaven, how lovely are Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts! Our souls long and even yearn 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 comfort in Your presence our King and our God!**

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**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.**

**Prayer based on Psalm 84**

*(End)*

*Hymn 152*  
*Trinity Psalter Hymnal*

*“Safely Through Another Week”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*



Safely through another week  
God has brought us on our way;  
let us now a blessing seek,  
waiting in His courts today;  
day of all the week the best,  
emblem of eternal rest,  
day of all the week the best,  
emblem of eternal rest.

*(Continue)*

While we pray for pard'ning grace,  
through the dear Redeemer's name,  
show thy reconciling face;  
take away our sin and shame;  
from our worldly cares set free,  
may we rest this day in Thee,  
from our worldly cares set free,  
may we rest this day in Thee.

*(Continue)*

Here we come Thy name to praise,  
let us feel Thy presence near;  
may Thy glory meet our eyes,  
while we in Thy house appear:  
here afford us, Lord, a taste  
of our everlasting feast,  
here afford us, Lord, a taste  
of our everlasting feast.

*(Continue)*

May Thy gospel's joyful sound  
conquer sinners, comfort saints;  
may the fruits of grace abound,  
bring relief for all complaints:  
thus may all our Sabbaths prove,  
till we join the church above,  
thus may all our Sabbaths prove,  
till we join the church above.

*(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 Pastor)*

# God's Assurance to His Repentant People

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN ...; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2:21,22,24, 25



*Psalm 51*

*“O God That Hears When Sinners Cry”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

O God that hears when sinners cry,  
though all my crimes before You lie,  
behold them not with angry look,  
but blot their mem'ry from Your book.

Create my nature pure within,  
and form my soul averse to sin;  
let Your good Spirit ne'er depart,  
nor hide Your presence from my heart.

*(Continue)*

I cannot live without Your light,  
cast out and banished from Your sight;  
Your holy joys, my God, restore,  
and keep me, that I fall no more.

A broken heart, my God, my King,  
is all the sacrifice I bring;  
the God of grace will not despise  
a broken heart for sacrifice.

*(End)*

# **We Profess Our Faith**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Q. 42. What is the sum of the ten commandments?*

*(Continue)*

# Answer

**A. The sum of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and our neighbor as ourselves.**

*(Continue)*

*Q. 45. Which is the first commandment?*

*(Continue)*

# Answer

**A. The first commandment is thou shalt have no other gods before Me.**

*(Continue)*



*Q. 46. What is required in the first commandment?*

*(Continue)*

# **Answer**

**A. The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.**

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# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Psalm 51:1-15*

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

Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the  
heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

Deuteronomy 10:14

# 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 stay seated.*

# **New Testament Scripture Reading**

*2 Peter 1:1-9*

**Pastoral Prayer**  
*(Led by Pastor)*



## Hymn 352

*“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward,  
To my glorious rest above.

*(Continue)*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus -  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore;  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

*(Continue)*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best;  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to Thee.

*(End)*

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

# Scripture Reading

*Deuteronomy 5:1-7*

# Sermon

*“The First Commandment”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

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

*Prayer*



**Psalm 97**  
*(Verses 1,2,4)*

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

Sing praise to God Who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of pow'r, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul He fills,  
And every faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

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The Lord is never far away,  
But, thro' all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay,  
Our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand,  
He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

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Let all who name Christ's holy Name  
Give God all praise and glory;  
Let all who own His pow'r proclaim  
Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast every idol from its throne,  
For Christ is Lord and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory!

*(End)*

# THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

## The Blessing of God's People

Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits Who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

*Revelation 1:4-5*

**Leader:** “*Christ is Risen!*”

**All:** “*He is Risen Indeed!*”