

# 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, where does your help come from?

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 121.1-2

# Call to Worship

*Please stand, if you are able.*

Come, let's sing for joy to the LORD, Let's shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

**Let's come before His presence with a song of thanksgiving, Let's shout joyfully to Him in songs with instruments.**

*(Continue)*

For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods, in Whose hand are the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains are also His. The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

**Come, let's worship and bow down; let's kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

Psalm 95:1-7

# Opening Prayer

*(In Unison)*

Please stand, if you are able.

**Almighty God and our Father in heaven, today we come before You, our Maker and Redeemer, to worship You. Bless us, we pray, in this time of praise, prayer, and learning. Remind us through the workings of Your Holy Spirit of all You are and of all Your promises, that we might remember that our help and hope is in You; that You are forever faithful to all generations, and that we might be renewed to continue to serve and worship You in lifelong obedience. We pray in the powerful Name of Jesus. Amen.**



**Psalm 95a, 1,3,4,)**

*“O, Come Before the Lord Our King”*  
(From: The Trinity Psalter)

*Please stand, if you are able.*

O come before the LORD, our King,  
and in His presence let us sing;  
let us in glad and joyful lays  
the rock of our salvation praise;  
before Him come with thankful song,  
in joyful psalms His praise prolong.

*(Continue)*

O come and let us worship now,  
before our Maker let us bow;  
we are His sheep and He our God,  
He feeds our souls in pastures broad;  
He safely leads us in the way;  
O come and hear His voice today.

*(Continue)*

Take heed and harden not your heart  
as did our fathers, nor depart  
from God to follow in their ways;  
for with complaints instead of praise,  
with doubt instead of faith confessed,  
they put His mercy to the test.

*(Continue)*

Take heed that you provoke Him not,  
as did your fathers, who forgot,  
with erring heart, God's holy ways  
and grieved Him all their sinful days;  
to whom in wrath the LORD declared:  
“My promised rest they shall not share.”

*(End)*

**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

With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22

# Hymn 528

*“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

My faith has found a resting place,  
From guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the ever-living One,  
His wounds for me shall plead.

*Refrain:*

I need no other argument  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that he died for me.

*(Continue )*

Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul, I come to him,  
He'll never cast me out.

*Refrain:*

I need no other argument  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that he died for me.

*(Continue )*

My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's Name,  
Salvation thro' His blood.

*Refrain:*

I need no other argument  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that he died for me.

*(Continue )*

My great Physician heals the sick,  
the lost He came to save;  
for me His precious blood He shed,  
for me His life He gave.

*Refrain:*

I need no other argument  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that he died for me.

*(End)*

**We Profess Our Faith**  
*Westminster Larger Catechism*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

## Q. 96

What particular use is there of the moral law to unregenerate men?



**A. The moral law is of use to unregenerate men, to awaken their consciences to flee from wrath to come, and to drive them to Christ; or, upon their continuance in the estate and way of sin, to leave them inexcusable, and under the curse thereof.**

*1 Tim. 1:9-10; Gal. 3:24; Rom. 1:20; Rom. 2:15; Gal. 3:10.*

## Q. 97

What special use is there of the moral law to the regenerate?

**A. Although they that are regenerate and believe in Christ be delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works, so as thereby they are neither justified nor condemned: yet, beside the general uses thereof common to them with all men, it is of special use to show them how much they are bound to Christ for His fulfilling it,**

**and enduring the curse thereof in their stead and for their good; and thereby to provoke them to more thankfulness, and to express the same in their greater care to conform themselves thereunto as the rule of their obedience.**

*Rom. 6:14; Rom. 7:4, 6; Gal. 4:4-5; Rom. 3:20; Gal. 5:23; Rom. 8:1; Rom. 7:24-25; Gal. 3:13-14; Rom. 8:3-4; Luke 1:68-69, 74-75; Col. 1:12-14; Rom. 7:22; Rom. 12:2; Titus 2:11-14.*

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Psalm 21*

*Parents of children in PreK—1st Grade  
have the option to take their children to  
Children's Church*

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

*“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”*

*Proverbs 3:9-10*

# **Prayer for God's Provision**

*(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**

*1 Corinthians 13*

# **Pastoral Prayer**

*Led by Pastor Theo van Blerk*

# Hymn 213

*“Glory Be to God the Father”*  
(From: The Trinity Psalter)

*Please stand, if you are able.*

Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit,  
God Almighty, Three in One!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Glory be to Him alone.

*(Continue )*

Glory be to Him who loved us,  
washed us from all sin and stain!  
glory be to Him Who bought us,  
made us kings with Him to reign!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lamb that once was slain!

*(Continue )*

Glory to the King of angels,  
glory to the church's King,  
glory to the King of nations;  
heav'n and earth your praises bring!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
To the King of glory sing!

*(End)*

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



# Scripture Reading

*Exodus 5.1-9*

# **Sermon**

*“I Am Still Working on the Formulation”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

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

# Prayer

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

## *Hymn 562*

*“Be Thou My Vision!”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

*(Continue)*

Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

*(Continue)*

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

*(Continue)*



High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

*(End )*

# THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*Prayer for the Blessing of God's People*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

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 kings on earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 4.1-6

**Leader:** “*Christ is Risen!*”

**All:** “*He is Risen Indeed!*”