

*Let us prepare ourselves for worship
the living God*

Prelude

**GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AND CALLS
HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP HIM**

Let us rise as the Triune God, God the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
calls us to worship Him!

The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.” The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, *saying*, “Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”

The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter
kings in the day of His wrath. He will judge
among the nations.

**Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the
LORD with all my heart in the company of
the upright and in the assembly. Great are
the works of the LORD. Splendid and
majestic is His work; And His righteousness
endures forever.**

Let us all declare openly:

**Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Who
made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

Opening Prayer

Hymn 68

“We Praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer”

**We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer,
Creator**

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before Thee;

We kneel and adore Thee;

We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.

**We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we
bless Thee;**

**Thro' life's storm and tempest our guide
Thou hast been.**

**When perils o'er-take us, Thou wilt not
forsake us,**

**And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles
we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of true worship we
raise.**

**Thy strong arm will guide us;
our God is beside us.**

**To Thee, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise.**

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

The Ten Commandments
Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. *Romans 8:1-4*

Hymn #306

“Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed?”

**Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?**

**Was it for sins that I have done
He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!**

A

Well might the sun in darkness hide

And shut His glories in

When Christ, the great Redeemer, died

For man the creature's sin

A

But drops of grief can ne'er repay

The debt of love I owe;

Here, Lord, I give myself away -

'Tis all that I can do.

Words written by Isaac Watts.

Tune by Hugh Wilson 1766-1824 who worked in a mill and studied music and mathematics and wrote hymns for a hobby. He composed many tunes for Psalms but only two survived because shortly before his death he gave instructions that all his music manuscripts were to be destroyed.

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

WHAT PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOD

Q. 12. What are the decrees of God?

A. God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy decisions from the purposes of His will.¹ By them, from all eternity and for His own glory, He has unchangeably foreordained everything that happens in time,² and particularly those things that involve angels and human beings.

1. Eph 1.4,11, Rom 11.33, Rom 9.14-15,18. 2. Acts 4.27-28, Rom 9.22-23, Ps 33.11.

Q. 13. What in particular has God decreed about angels and human beings?

A. By an eternal and unchangeable decree, which originates merely from His love, exists for the praise of His glorious grace, and is to be revealed at the proper time, God has elected some angels for glory¹ and in Christ has chosen some human beings for eternal life, along with the means by which this choice will be accomplished.

.²Additionally, in accordance with His sovereign power and the hidden purposes of His own will (by which, as He pleases, He extends or withholds favor), God decided not to include the rest and to foreordain them to be inflicted with dishonor and anger for their sin, to the praise of the glory of His justice.³

1. 1 Tm 5.21. 2. Eph 1.4-6, 2 Thes 2.13-14, 1 Pt 1.2.3. Rom 9.17-18,21-22, Mt 11.25-26, 2 Tm 2.20, Jude 4, 1 Pt 2.8.

Q. 14. How does God carry out His decrees?

A. God carries out His decrees in creation and providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable purposes of His own will.¹

1. Eph 1.11, 1 Pt 1.1-2.

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12

*Children age PreK-1st Grade
Are dismissed for Children's Church*

*(However, parents are welcome to keep their
children with them)*

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

“Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7~

Psalm 143

“Lord, Hearken to My Prayer”

(Melody: “Fairest Lord Jesus”)

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LORD, hearken to my prayer;

My supplications hear.

Reply in truth and in righteousness.

**And with Your servant now to judgment
do not come,**

For in Your sight no man is just.

I days of old recall;

I muse on all Your deeds;

**I ponder long what Your hands have
wrought.**

**I stretch my hands to You; My soul longs
after You**

As thirst a dry and desert land.

A

**Let me Your mercy hear,
when morning light appears;
I flee to You for my hiding place.
Teach me to know the way; Show me how
I should walk,
For I lift up my soul to You.**

A

Deliver me, O LORD,

from all my enemies;

That You may hide me I flee to You.

Teach me to do Your will; My God of

Spirit good,

O make me dwell in upright lands.

This is a prayer composed for recitation in the temple by a needy individual. The basis of the appeal for help is given right through the Psalm: it is God's commitment to His covenant. He takes care of His covenant children, His family.

This emphasize on covenant and grace and faith was noticed by the apostle Paul who quotes verse 2 in Gal.2:16 and Rom.3:20.

Prayer for God's Provision



The Doxology

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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.**

New Testament Scripture Reading

(Mark 15:16-37;42-47)

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

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

Scripture Reading

John 19:17-27 (:26-27)

Sermon

“Jesus’ Command to Love”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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PRAYER

Hymn #399

“We Are God’s People”

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ
our Lord,**

**For we have known it, the love of God
outpoured;**

Now let us learn how to return

The gift of love once given:

O let us share each joy and care,

And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

**We are the Body of which the Lord is
Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the
dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall His work on earth be done.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling
place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold
God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing to God's People

*The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!