PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

• The bullet points indicate when to stand if you are able.

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 evening:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, where does your help come from?

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

Call to Worship

"I love You, O LORD, my strength." The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock; And exalted be the God of my salvation, The God who executes vengeance for me, and subdues peoples under me.

He delivers me from my enemies;

Surely You lift me above those who rise up against me; You rescue me from the violent man. Therefore, I will give thanks to You among the nations, O LORD, and I will sing praises to Your Name.

Psalm 18:1-3;46-49

(End)

Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Hymn 433

"Rise Up, O Church of God"

Rise up, O Church of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O Church of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O sons of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task,
Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O Church of God!

We Profess Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2.5-16

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!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died
For man the creature's sin.

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.

Scripture Reading

John 19.16-38 (v.31)

Sermon

"The True Lamb Was Slaughtered"

Pastor Theo van Blerk

Prayer

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Hymn 311

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood -Sealed my pardon with His blood; Hallelujah, what a Savior! Guilty, vile and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished," was His cry; Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior! When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing,
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH A BLESSING

Numbers 6.24-26

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.'