

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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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, on Whom must we focus as we come to worship today?

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We must be fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith, Who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:2-3

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The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

He anoints my head with oil.

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One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to
inquire in His temple.

**My cup overflows. My mouth shall speak the praise of
the Lord, and all flesh shall bless His holy Name. My
praise shall be of Him in the great assembly.**

Psalm 22, 23, 27

(End)

Opening Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 144 (1, 3, 4)

“I’ll Praise the Lord, My Rock”

Please stand, if you are able.

I'll praise the Lord, my rock
Who trains my hands for war;
Who is my loving God and shield,
and my deliverer.

Yet we are weak, and fail,
no stronger than a breath;
Lord, what is man, so small, so frail,
and shadowed deep by death?

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And, while we wait on God
for His restoring grace,
the new song planted in our soul
awakes to His glad praise.
You are the King of kings,
our strong security;
deliver us from those who lie,
and set Your servant free!

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Then mercy great shall flow,
our children's faith increase;
our sheep and cattle multiply,
our harvests grow in peace.
No cries shall haunt our streets,
no threats of fire or sword—
how blest the land that knows such rest,
whose people know the Lord!

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Everyone Pray in Silence)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Sing

*“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”
(1,2,4,5)*

Please stand, if you are able.

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

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Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

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I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross

(Continue)

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q 1 What is your only comfort in life
and in death?

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A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall

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from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 54

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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.

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Hymn 348

“My Savior’s Love”

Please stand, if you are able.

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

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For me it was in the garden
He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine;"
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

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He took my sins and my sorrows;
He made them His very own.
He bore the burden to Calv'ry
And suffered and died alone.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

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When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages
To sing of His love for me.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

(End)

**THE LORD SPEAKS TO US
THROUGH HIS WORD AND THE SACRAMENT
OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Scripture Reading

*Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15
and Matthew 11:25-30*

Sermon

“This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” (2)

Pastor Theo van Blerk

COMMUNION

Fencing the Table

Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Administration of the Lord's Supper

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND
TO HIS WORD AND THE SACRAMENT**

Prayer

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
For Mercy Ministry

Hymn 648 (1,2,3)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Please stand, if you are able.

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

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Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

(Continue)

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
May Thy presence e'er be with us,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thou wouldst approve,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Now to Him, Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 1:24-25

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”