

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, how is it possible for us to enter now into the presence of the Almighty God?

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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 we have a great Priest over the house of God. Thus, we are to draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.

Hebrews 10:19b,20, 21, 22a

(End)

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-3,23,26

Please stand, if you are able.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

For His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

For His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

(Continue)

For His steadfast love endures forever,
It is He Who remembered us in our low estate,
For His steadfast love endures forever,
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

(End)

Opening Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Hymn 724

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Please stand, if you are able.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Thro' days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.

(Continue)

Lead on, O King Eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

(Continue)

Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20.1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(In Unison)

O Lord, our God, we come before You to confess our sins. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

(Continue)

**Teach us Your paths. Make us to know Your ways, O Lord;
teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth and teach us,
for You are the God of our salvation; for You we wait all
day long. Hear us as we pray, in Jesus Name. Amen.**

Based on Psalm 25

(End)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

2 Samuel 22:2-3

The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my Savior.

Hymn 316

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Please stand, if you are able.

O sacred Head now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns Thine only crown
How pale Thou art with anguish
With sore abuse and scorn
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn

(Continue)

What Thou my Lord has suffered
Was all for sinners' gain
Mine, mine was the transgression
But Thine the deadly pain
Lo, here I fall my Savior
'Tis I deserve Thy place
Look on me with Thy favor
Assist me with Thy grace

(Continue)

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee dearest Friend
For this Thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end
O make me Thine forever
And should I fainting be
Lord, let me never never
Outlive my love to Thee

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 183. For whom are we to pray?

(Continue)

Answer

We are to pray for the whole church of Christ upon earth; for magistrates and ministers; for ourselves, our brethren, yea, our enemies; and for all sorts of men living, or that shall live hereafter; but not for the dead, nor for those that are known to have sinned the sin unto death.

(End)

Q. 184. For what things are we to pray?

(Continue)

Answer

We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others' good; but not for anything that is unlawful.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:12-26

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

Collecting of Tithes and Offerings

The earth is the LORD's and the fulness thereof, the world
and those who dwell therein.

Psalm 24:1

Prayer for God's Provision

(Led by 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

I Timothy 3:14-4:5

Pastoral Prayer

Sing

“Holy Spirit”

Please stand, if you are able.

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

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Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

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Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 13:17-22

Sermon

“God Executes His Redemption Sovereignly”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Hymn 97

“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!

(Continue)

Thus, all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud His praises,
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart!
Both soul and body bear your part:
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

Please stand, if you are able.

The Blessing of God's People

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, Who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be the glory forever and ever.

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”