

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?

(Continue)

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

2 Samuel 22:2-3, 32, 47, 50

Please stand, if you are able.

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.**

(Continue)

For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock
except our God?

**The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my
God, the Rock, my Savior! Therefore, I will praise you,
LORD among the nations; I will sing the praises of your
Name.**

(End)

Opening Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 146

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Please stand, if you are able.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God thru all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
nor for help on man depend;
he shall die, to dust returning,
and his purposes shall end.

(Continue)

Happy is the man that chooses
Israel's God to be his aid;
he is blest, whose hope of blessing
on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,
seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression,
righteousness He will maintain.

(Continue)

Food He daily gives the hungry,
sets the mourning pris'ner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish,
makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
and the stranger He befriends,
helps the fatherless and widow,
judgment on the wicked sends.

(Continue)

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise!
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
thru all ages He is King;
unto Him, your God, O Zion,
joyful hallelujahs sing.

(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)

Our Father in heaven, we have sinned against You times without number, and we are guilty of pride and unbelief, and neglect to seek You in our daily lives. We lean more on ourselves than on You. We follow our own paths instead of seeking for Your wisdom in Your Word of truth.

(Continue)

Our sins and disobedience present us with so many accusations, but we thank You that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid upon Christ! Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest we have in former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, yes, everything that prevents us from taking delight in You.

In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

(End)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So, you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Hymn 308

“There is a Redeemer”

Please stand, if you are able.

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Refrain

*Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

(Continue)

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah

O for sinners slain

Refrain

Thank You, O my Father

For giving us Your Son

And leaving Your Spirit

Till the work on earth is done

(Continue)

When I stand in glory, I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

Refrain

*Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done*

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 185. How are we to pray?

(Continue)

Answer

We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon Him, with humble submission to His will.

(Continue)

*Q. 186. What rule has God given for our direction
in the duty of prayer?*

(Continue)

Answer

The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in the duty of prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer, which our Savior Christ taught His disciples, commonly called The Lord's Prayer.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:27-40

**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 4:6-16

Pastoral Prayer

Sing

“As The Deer”

Please stand, if you are able.

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

(Continue)

Refrain

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

(Continue)

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

(Continue)

Refrain

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

(Continue)

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And You always draw us nigh.

(Continue)

Refrain

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:13-31

Sermon

“God Fights for His Church”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Hymn 97

(verses 1,3,4)

“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!

(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!

(Continue)

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 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, will 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!*”