

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, where does your help come from?

Our help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

(Continue)

Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the Mighty, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

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The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

(End)

Opening Prayer

(In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Our Father and our God, as sons and daughters of the Almighty, we ascribe to You glory and strength today.

We ascribe to You glory due to Your Name. We worship You, our Lord, in holy array. Yes, Lord, we are gathered on Your command to worship You.

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We are gathered to be renewed in our faith to serve You wholeheartedly and faithfully. Come Lord and bless us with Your presence. Bestow Your goodness and mercy upon us as we seek Your countenance and send us away filled with new obedience and a new zeal to proclaim Your mercies wherever we go this coming week. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen

(End)

Hymn 38

“Ye Servants of God”

Please stand, if you are able.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;
The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

(Continue)

"Salvation to God, Who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right -
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Prayer led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit!

Psalm 32:1-2

Hymn #347

“And Can It Be?”

Please stand, if you are able.

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should'st die for me?

(Continue)

He left His Father's throne above;
So free, so infinite His grace.
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should'st die for me?

(Continue)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off; my heart was free,
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should'st die for me?

(Continue)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine;
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thro' Christ, my own.

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should'st die for me?

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

*Excerpts from the Westminster Confession of Faith
(Chapter 1, par.10)*

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. Who is the Supreme Judge of all truth?

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Answer

The Supreme Judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 48:9-14

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth, knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

1 Peter 1:18-19

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.

New Testament Scripture Reading

I Peter 4:12-19

Pastoral Prayer
(Led by Pastor)

Psalm 16

“Preserve Us, Lord”

Please stand, if you are able.

Preserve us, Lord, for You are God,
and Refuge is Your name.

Apart from You there is no good,
and life is turned to shame.

But all the false gods of this world,
who tempt us for our praise,
bring sorrow, pain, and Your contempt,
to all who walk their ways.

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You give us daily all we need
and look to our distress;
our cup is filled with pleasant things,
as our own lives You bless.

We bless You for Your heart's own thought,
for counsel that is true;
with You the center of our days,
our lives shall not be moved.

(Continue)

Our hearts are glad, our lives rejoice,
in You we dwell secure.

For nothing can destroy our lives;
Your Spirit holds us sure.

You lead us in the path of life,
and bring us joy unknown;
eternal life You've promised all
who claim You for their own.

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 19:1-11

Sermon

“God Meets His People”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Hymn 415

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

Please stand, if you are able.

We are called to be God's people
Showing by our lives His grace
One in heart and one in spirit
Sign of hope for all the race
Let us show how He has changed us
And remade us as His own
Let us share our life together
As we shall around His throne

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We are called to be God's servants
Working in His world today
Taking His own task upon us
All His sacred words obey
Let us rise then to His summons
Dedicate to Him our all
That we may be faithful servants
Quick to answer now His call

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We are called to be God's prophets
Speaking for the truth and right
Standing firm for godly justice
Bringing evil into light
Let us seek the courage needed
Our high calling to fulfill
That we all may know the blessing
Of the doing of God's will

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way; the Lord be with all of you.

2 Thess. 3:16

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”