

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

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In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;

In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.

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For You are not a God Who takes pleasure in wickedness; no evil dwells with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity. You destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness, I will enter Your house at Your holy temple; I will bow in reverence for You.

Psalm 5:7–8

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Opening Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Hymn 8

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Please stand, if you are able.

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy Name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

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Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

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Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou, Who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

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To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore;
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

(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 and our God, we stand before You Who are eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, and almighty, completely wise, most holy, most righteous in all You are and do, just and good and the overflowing source of all good. Lord, even though You have made us Your own by the precious blood of Your beloved Son, and even though Your Holy Spirit dwells in us daily, we confess before You our sinful thoughts and desires, our

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sinful acts and unholy speech. Lord, we plead for your forgiveness. We need You to assure us again that You love the repentant sinner. We plead that Your Holy Spirit through Your Word will continue to sanctify us today and every day that Christ becomes visible in us more and more. We pray in His powerful and precious Name. Amen.

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God's Assurance to His Repentant People

O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise.
For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God
are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You
will not despise.

Psalm 51:15-17

Sing

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Please stand, if you are able.

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

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Chorus

You are the One that we praise

You are the One we adore

You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for

Oh, our hearts always hunger for

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Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

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Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

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We Profess Our Faith

*Excerpts from the Westminster Confession of Faith
(Chapter 1, par.19, 5)*

Please stand, if you are able.

Is the moral law still binding today?

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Answer

The moral law does forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof; and that not only in regard of the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator Who gave it. Neither does Christ in the gospel anywhere dissolve it, but rather strengthen this obligation.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 49:10-20

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 5:6-14

Pastoral Prayer
(Led by Pastor)

Psalm 119:105-112

“Your Word, a Light unto My Path”

Please stand, if you are able.

Your Word, a light unto my path,
A lamp unto my feet.
My soul has sworn, and will confirm
Your righteous ways to keep.

In my affliction, give me life
According to Your Word;
Accept the offer of my praise,
And teach Your law, O Lord.

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This world brings danger to my soul,
Yet I uphold Your way.

The wicked lay a snare for me;
I shall not go astray.

Your promise, my inheritance;
With joy, my heart ascends!
I set my heart to keep Your Word
From now until the end.

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 19:16-20:1

Sermon

“God Gave the Moral Law”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Psalm 18

“I Love You Lord, My Strength”

Please stand, if you are able.

I love You, Lord, my strength, my rock,
my fortress and my aid.

My refuge and salvation's hope,
to You I long have prayed.

Though cords and snares encompassed me,
confronting me with death,
in my distress I called to You,
my life and source of breath.

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In Your own courts You heard my plea;
my crying reached Your ear.
The mountains shook, foundations reeled;
Your anger strikes such fear.
You came to me on wings of wind,
with storm and lightning's pow'r.
You saved me from my enemies;
You give me strength each hour.

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Your statutes, Lord, I daily keep;
my actions seek Your will.
In loyalty I walk Your way;
my heart is steadfast still.
You pay the righteous with right things,
yet bring the haughty low.
A perfect shield for all in need,
destruction to Your foe.

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For Who is God except the Lord,
my rock, my strength, my stay?
Salvation's shield You give to me;
You widen victory's way.
Blest be Your name, O living God,
the victory You have won.
Your name I will proclaim to all,
O saving, sov'reign One.

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THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits Who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:4-5

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”