

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?

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

Psalm 121:1-2

(Continue)

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless His Name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

(Continue)

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods; for all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts!

Psalm 96:1-4;6-8

(End)

Opening Prayer

(led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 118 vs. 22-29

“The Stone the Builders Once Refused”

Please stand, if you are able.

The stone the builders once refused
Is now our Cornerstone;
This marvel in our eyes, approved
By our great God alone.

This is the day the Lord has made;
Therefore we shall rejoice.
O Lord, please prosper us, and save;
To You we lift our voice!

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Blest is the One who comes to us
In God's own holy Name;
We gather in His temple, thus
His blessing to proclaim.

The Lord Almighty, He is God;
He gives to us His light.
Upon the altar of our hearts,
We offer sacrifice.

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

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

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

Titus 2:11-14

Sing

“Before The Throne of God Above”

Please stand, if you are able.

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

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When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

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Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honor and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

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Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongs to everyone in their several places and relations.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 55:12-23

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.

New Testament Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:10-18

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Hymn 581 (1, 3, 4)

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Please stand, if you are able.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

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Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy, and peace.

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

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I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Will be with me to the end.

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:1-9; Exodus 20:12

Sermon

“You and Authority”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Hymn 451 (1,2,3)

“A Christian Home Where Christ Is Head”

Please stand, if you are able.

O give us homes built firm upon the Savior
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide
Where ev'ry child is taught His love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ the Crucified
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side

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O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers
Who always place their hope and trust in Him
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim
A home where each finds joy in serving others
And love still shines tho' days be dark and grim

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O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung
Where pray'r comes first in peace or in disaster
And praise is natural speech to ev'ry tongue
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster
And Christ sufficient is for old and young

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to Whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

Galatians 1:3-5

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”