

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, where does your help come from?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121.1-2

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 33:3; Psalm 105:1-5

Please stand, if you are able.

Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

(Continue)

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

(End)

Opening Prayer

(Prayer led by the Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 48

“God Is Great in Zion”

Please stand, if you are able.

God is great in Zion, highly to be praised,
on the sacred mountain, elegant and raised,
in the royal city, fortified for war;
God is her defense, and guards her evermore.

Refrain

We have heard the rumor and confirm the word:
this is God's own city, armies of the Lord!

(Continue)

Kings arose together, swept across to fight.
They were overwhelmed and staggered at the sight,
filled with fear and trembling, writhing in defeat,
reeling, as Your tempest burst upon their fleet.

Refrain

We have heard the rumor and confirm the word:
this is God's own city, armies of the Lord!

(Continue)

In Your temple courts we reenact Your grace.
God, Your name is praised in every time and place,
justice in Your right hand, judgments in Your voice.
Now let Zion sing and Judah's towns rejoice.

Refrain

We have heard the rumor and confirm the word:
this is God's own city, armies of the Lord!

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20.1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin

(Led by the Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Job 14:16-17

Surely then you will count my steps but not keep track of my sin. My offenses will be sealed up in a bag; you will cover over my sin.

Hymn 705

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Please stand, if you are able.

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
“It is well; it is well with my soul.”

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Continue)

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Continue)

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious tho't -
My sin - not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Continue)

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” - it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Continue)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Question 165

What is Baptism?

Answer

Baptism is a Sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ has ordained the washing with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into Himself, of remission of sins by His blood, and regeneration by His Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible Church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

Question 166

Unto whom is Baptism to be administered?

Answer

Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible Church, and so, strangers from the covenant of promise, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him; but infants descended from parents, either both or but one of them professing faith in Christ, and obedience to Him, are in that respect, within the covenant, and to be baptized.

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 29

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

Collecting of 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.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Prayer for God's Provision

(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

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Theo van Blerk

Psalm 119

“Your Word, a Light unto My Path”

(Psalm 119: 105-112)

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.

(Continue)

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

(Continue)

This world brings danger to my soul,
Yet I uphold Your way.
The wicked lay a snare for me;
I shall not go astray.

(Continue)

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

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 8:20-31

Sermon

“God Separates and Makes a Distinction Between People”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Pastor Theo van Blerk

Hymn 319

“Day of Judgment, Day of Wonders!”
(From: Trinity Hymnal)

Please stand, if you are able.

Day of judgment! Day of wonders!

Hark! the trumpet's awful sound,
louder than a thousand thunders,
shakes the vast creation round.

How the summons
will the sinner's heart confound!

(Continue)

See the Judge, our nature wearing,
clothed in majesty divine;
you who long for His appearing
then shall say, “This God is mine!”
Gracious Savior,
own me in that day as Thine.

(Continue)

At His call the dead awaken,
rise to life from earth and sea;
all the pow'rs of nature, shaken
by His looks, prepare to flee.

Careless sinner,
what will then become of thee?

(Continue)

But to those who have confessed,
loved and served the Lord below,
He will say, “Come near, ye blessed,
see the kingdom I bestow;
You forever
shall My love and glory know.”

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

A Prayer for God's People

2 Thess. 3:16

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

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”