

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?

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We must be fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith, Who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:2-3

(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 holy array.

**The LORD gives strength to His people! The LORD
blesses His people with peace!**

(Continue)

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Psalm 29:1-2, 10
Matthew 11:28–29

(End)

Opening Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 144

(1, 3,4)

“I’ll Praise the Lord, My Rock”

Please stand, if you are able.

I'll praise the Lord, my rock
Who trains my hands for war;
Who is my loving God and shield,
and my deliverer.

Yet we are weak, and fail,
no stronger than a breath;
Lord, what is man, so small, so frail,
and shadowed deep by death?

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And, while we wait on God
for His restoring grace,
the new song planted in our soul
awakes to His glad praise.
You are the King of kings,
our strong security;
deliver us from those who lie,
and set Your servant free!

(Continue)

Then mercy great shall flow,
our children's faith increase;
our sheep and cattle multiply,
our harvests grow in peace.
No cries shall haunt our streets,
no threats of fire or sword—
how blest the land that knows such rest,
whose people know the Lord!

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Pray in Silence)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Hymn 316

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Please stand, if you are able.

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!

(Continue)

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior;
'Tis I deserve Thy place.
Look on me with Thy favor;
Assist me with Thy grace.

(Continue)

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

(End)

We Profess Our Faith
Westminster Shorter Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requires all lawful attempts to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

(Continue)

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever leads thereunto.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3,6-11

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 52:7

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.

Hymn 630

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Please stand, if you are able.

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

(Continue)

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

(End)

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

**GOD SPEAKS TO US
THROUGH HIS WORD AND THE
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139

Genesis 1:24-30; 2:7; Genesis 6:5-8; 9:6

Sermon

“God-Given Life”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

COMMUNION

Fencing the Table

Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Administration of the Lord's Supper

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

Prayer

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
For Mercy Ministry

Sing

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Please stand, if you are able.

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released; I can sing; I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Now to Him, Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 1:24-25

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”