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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Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name; bring an offering and come before Him!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth;

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations "The LORD reigns!"

1 Chronicles 16:29-31

Opening Prayer

Please stand, if you are able.

Hymn 2

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Please stand, if you are able.

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee; All on earth Thy scepter claim; All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain; Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim In unceasing chorus praising; Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name Thee, While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim Thee, And adoring, bend the knee While we sing our praise to Thee.

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 Person)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 Peter 1:17-19

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 Whoever 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

We Profess Our Faith

Please stand, if you are able.

What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

In the fifth petition (which is, Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors), we acknowledge that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God; and that neither we, nor any other creature, can make the least satisfaction for that debt. Thus we pray for ourselves and others, that God of His free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, apprehended and applied by faith,

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acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in His Beloved; continue His favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 58

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.

New Testament Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 84

"In Your Presence"

Please stand, if you are able.

Lord, I dearly love Your presence more than words can ever tell; how I yearn to see the beauty of the courts in which You dwell. Even sparrows there find refuge; there the swallow rears her young; what a joy to have a home there, where unending praise is sung.

Happy are the pilgrim people pressing on to greater things, finding water in the wasteland, making it a place of springs; on they go with mounting vigor till they stand before Your throne; God of Jacob, guard Your servants; make Your lasting kindness known.

In the hearts of all the faithful, grace and glory are revealed lavish gifts You give so freely, mighty Lord, our Sun and Shield. Better humble, godly service than a home where sin holds sway; better one day in Your presence than a thousand far away.

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 21 & 2 Chronicles 33:10

Sermon

"Forgiveness For The Worst Sinner"

Pastor Theo van Blerk

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO HIS WORD

Prayer

Hymn 344 (1,2,4)

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Please stand, if you are able.

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy pow'r. Crown Thine ancient Church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Cure Thy children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Thy control. Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage That we fail not man nor Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee.

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!"