

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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Let us stand as we come in the presence of the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Who has made us His own with the ultimate purpose to worship and serve 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

(End)

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 the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

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The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

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Opening Prayer
(Prayer In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Our Father and our God, as sons and daughters of the Almighty, we ascribe to You glory and strength today. We ascribe to You glory due to Your Name. We worship You, our Lord, in holy array. Yes, Lord, we are gathered on Your command to worship You. We are gathered to be renewed in our faith so that we may continue to serve You wholeheartedly and faithfully.

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Come Lord and bless us with Your presence. Bestow Your goodness and mercy upon us as we seek Your countenance and send us away filled with a new hunger for righteousness, and a new zeal to proclaim Your mercies wherever we go this coming week. We pray in Jesus' Name.

Amen

(End)

Psalm 111 (1,2,4,5)

“Give to the Lord Wholehearted Praise”

Please stand, if you are able.

Give to the Lord wholehearted praise.
To Him thanksgiving I will bring;
with all His people I will raise
my voice and of His glory sing.

His saints delight to search and trace
His mighty works and wondrous ways.
Majestic glory, boundless grace,
and righteousness His work displays.

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God's promise shall forever stand;
He cares for those who trust His word.

Upon His saints His mighty hand
the wealth of nations has conferred.

His works are true and just indeed;

His precepts are forever sure.

In truth and righteousness decreed,
they shall forevermore endure.

(End)

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

How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit!

Psalm 32:1-2

Sing
“His Mercy Is More”

Please stand, if you are able.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done

Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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What patience would wait as we constantly roam

What Father so tender is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

(End)

We Profess Our Faith
*Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 41;
Q&A 108-109*

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. That God condemns all unchastity, and that therefore we should thoroughly detest it and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.

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Q. Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

A. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 59:1-10

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

Philippians 2:12-18

Pastoral Prayer
(Led by Pastor)

Psalm 16

“Preserve Us, Lord”

Please stand, if you are able.

Preserve us, Lord, for You are God,
and Refuge is Your name.

Apart from You there is no good,
and life is turned to shame.

But all the false gods of this world,
who tempt us for our praise,
bring sorrow, pain, and Your contempt,
to all who walk their ways.

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You give us daily all we need
and look to our distress;
our cup is filled with pleasant things,
as our own lives You bless.

We bless You for Your heart's own thought,
for counsel that is true;
with You the center of our days,
our lives shall not be moved.

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Judges 19

Sermon

“The Seventh Commandment – Shocking History”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Hymn 435 (1,2,4)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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.

(Continue)

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

(Continue)

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.

(End)

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!*”