

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 and Psalm 25

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.

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths; Lead me in Your truth and teach me.

For You are the God of my salvation, for You I wait all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

Opening Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 144

“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?

(Continue)

Now part Your heav'ns, O Lord,
come down and show Your might;
unveil the latent pow'r of God
in nature's storm and light.

Descend in this dark hour
to scatter all deceit.

Revive Your work! Reveal Your pow'r,
and lying schemes defeat.

(Continue)

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!

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20.1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin

Prayer based on Psalm 32

(In Unison)

Our Father in heaven, You said, blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when we kept silent and did not confess our sins, our bones wasted away, through our groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon us. Our strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. But then we acknowledge our sin to You, as we do now, and we do not cover our iniquity. We say, Lord, we confess all our transgression, and You forgive us the iniquity of our sins. We know You do that for the sake of Jesus and we rejoice in Him! We praise Your holy Name. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Numbers 14:18a

The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion.

Song

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

Please stand, if you are able.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him Who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart

(Continue)

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him Who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

(Continue)

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him Who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

*Q. 176. Wherein do the Sacraments of Baptism and
the Lord's Supper agree?*

(Continue)

Answer

The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper agree, in that the author of both is God; the spiritual part of both is Christ and His benefits; both are seals of the same covenant, are to be dispensed by ministers of the gospel and by none other; and to be continued in the Church of Christ until His second coming.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:12-22

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

Collecting of 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 for God's Provision

(Led by 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 Thessalonians 3:7-18

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Hymn 562

“Be Thou My Vision”

Please stand, if you are able.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

(Continue)

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

(Continue)

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, be first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art!

(Continue)

High King of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 10:1-20

Sermon

“Catastrophe and Sorrow!”

Pastor Theo

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

Prayer

(Led by Pastor Theo)

Psalm 46

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

Please stand, if you are able.

God is our refuge and our strength,
a helper ever near us.

We will not fear though earth be moved,
for God is nigh to cheer us.

Although the mountains quake
and earth's foundations shake,
though angry billows roar
and break against the shore,
our mighty God will hear us.

(Continue)

God's city is forever blest
with living waters welling;
since God is there, she stands unmoved
'mid tumults 'round her swelling.
God speaks and all is peace,
from war the nations cease;
the Lord of hosts is nigh.
Our fathers' God most high
is our eternal dwelling.

(Continue)

Behold what God has done on earth;
His wrath brings desolation.
His grace, commanding wars to cease,
brings peace to every nation.
Be still, for He is Lord,
by all the earth adored;
the Lord of hosts is nigh.
Our fathers' God most high
is our strong habitation.

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

The Blessing of 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!*”