

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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Let us stand as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, calls His Church into His presence to worship Him. I ask you this morning:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ: how is it possible for us to enter the presence of the Almighty God?

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Since we have a great high Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

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O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So, I have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and glory.**

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Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

So, I will bless You as long as I live; in Your Name, I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise You with joyful lips!

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Opening Prayer
(In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Almighty God and our Father in heaven, we praise and adore You on this beautiful Sunday morning. We worship You and know that it is possible only by Your grace and the merits of Jesus Christ alone. O Lord, You are great and greatly to be praised. Only by looking around us are we able to see Your greatness displayed to us in Your creation. Yes, we can see Your wonderful work, power, and beauty in all things. Lord, we praise You that we are the creation of Your hands as well. But we are also part of Your new creation. You have made us new in Christ

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through Your Word and Holy Spirit. Together with the apostle Paul, we cry out, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are Your judgments and unfathomable Your ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became Your counselor? Or who has first given to You that it might be paid to You again? For from You and through You and to You are all things. To You be the glory forever.” Come and meet with Your people for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

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Hymn 43

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Please stand, if you are able.

All hail the power of Jesus' Name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

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Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

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O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Prayer by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

But you are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him, Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Hymn 305
“Jesus Paid It All”

Please stand, if you are able.

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

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Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

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For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

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And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

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We Profess Our Faith
Westminster Larger Catechism 42

Please stand, if you are able.

Q 110. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery punishable by law, but in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising, counterfeit money, excessive interest, or any other means forbidden by God. In addition God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 61

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Blessed be the LORD, my rock, Who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle; my lovingkindness, and my fortress; my stronghold and my deliverer; my shield and He in Whom I take refuge.

Psalm 144:1-2

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 3:7-12

Pastoral Prayer
(Led by Pastor)

Psalm 119

“Your Word, a Light Unto My Path”

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.

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

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

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

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

“A Fool of a Steward”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer

Sing

*“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”
(1,2,4,5)*

Please stand, if you are able.

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

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Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul

I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

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Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Now may the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with every good thing to do His will. And may He accomplish in us what is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”