

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, 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)

Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance.

(Continue)

Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David.

... He who takes refuge in Me will inherit the land and will possess My holy mountain.

And the LORD will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

Isaiah 55:1-3; Isaiah 57:13b; 58:11

(End)

Opening Prayer
(Led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 18 (1,3,4)

“I Love You Lord, My Strength, My Rock”

Please stand, if you are able.

I love You, Lord, my strength, my rock,
my fortress and my aid.

My refuge and salvation's hope,
to You I long have prayed.

Though cords and snares encompassed me,
confronting me with death,
in my distress I called to You,
my life and source of breath.

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Your statutes, Lord, I daily keep;
my actions seek Your will.
In loyalty I walk Your way;
my heart is steadfast still.
You pay the righteous with right things,
yet bring the haughty low.
A perfect shield for all in need,
destruction to Your foe.

(Continue)

For who is God except the Lord,
my rock, my strength, my stay?
Salvation's shield You give to me;
You widen victory's way.
Blest be Your name, O living God,
the victory You have won.
Your name I will proclaim to all,
O saving, sov'reign One.

(End)

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

Jesus' Summary of God's Commandments

Mark 12:28-31

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Everyone 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 Larger Catechism (38,39)

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 38. Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be God?

A. It was necessary that the Mediator should be God that He might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to His sufferings, obedience and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, secure His favor, purchase a peculiar people, give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

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Q. 39. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be man that He might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:4-11

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.

New Testament Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:12-25

Pastoral Prayer
(Led by Pastor)

Hymn 175

“O Lord, Our Lord”

Please stand, if you are able.

O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your mercy;

O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your love;

For every grace Your kindness has provided,

To every soul who calls upon Your Name.

For every grace Your kindness has provided,

To every soul who calls upon Your name.

(Continue)

O Lord, our Lord, enthroned in highest heaven;

O Lord, our Lord, enthroned in grateful hearts;

Your love extends to every generation

With joyful news of Your redemption plan

Your love extends to every generation

With joyful news of Your redemption plan.

(Continue)

O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your mercy;

O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your love;

for every grace Your kindness has provided,

To every soul who calls upon Your Name.

For every grace Your kindness has provided.

To every soul who calls upon Your Name

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

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 11:23-34

Sermon

Pastor Theo van Blerk

“Examine Yourself to Discern the Body of Christ”

COMMUNION

Fencing the Table

Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Administration of the Lord's Supper

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

Prayer

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
For Mercy Ministry

Hymn 450 (1-4)

“Lift High the Cross”

Please stand, if you are able.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(Continue)

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(Continue)

O Lord, once lifted on that cursed tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(Continue)

Set up Thy throne, and earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(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!*”