

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, how is it possible for us to enter now into the presence of the Almighty God?

(Continue)

We have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and we have a great Priest over the house of God. Thus, we are to draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.

Hebrews 10:19b,20, 21, 22a

(End)

Call to Worship

Psalm 118: 14,15, 19, 21, 22-24

Please stand, if you are able.

The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.

The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through **them; I shall give thanks to the LORD. I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, and You have become my salvation.**

(Continue)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.**

(End)

Opening Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 68

“O Lord, You Have Ascended”

Please stand, if you are able.

O Lord, You have ascended
on high in might to reign;
captivity You lead as
a captive in Your train.

Rich gifts to You are offered
by those who once rebelled,
who pray that now Jehovah,
their God, with them may dwell.

(Continue)

Blest be the Lord who daily
our heavy burden bears,
the God of our salvation
Who for His people cares.
Our God is near to help us,
our God is strong to save;
the Lord alone is able
to ransom from the grave.

(Continue)

Sing unto God, all nations,
all kingdoms of the earth;
sing unto God, all people,
and praise His matchless worth.
He rides in royal triumph
upon the skies abroad;
He speaks—the mountains tremble
before the voice of God.

(Continue)

All glory, might, and honor
ascribe to God on high;
His arm protects His people
who on His arm rely.
Forth from Your holy dwelling
You send Your mighty voice;
You strengthen those who fear You;
who in Your works rejoice!

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20.1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Led by Pastor)

Heavenly Father, You have showered upon us so many blessings that we are not able to comprehend them, much less to count them. We especially thank You that You have led us to the light of Your truth and to the knowledge of Your holy gospel. Time and again, however, we have ungratefully forgotten Your benefits, and deserted You, by following the desires of our own hearts.

We have not honored You as we should have. We have grievously sinned against You. If You were to bring us into judgment, we could expect nothing but condemnation and eternal death. But, Lord, look upon the face of Your Anointed. Hide Your eyes from our sins and remove Your wrath through His intercession. Work in us mightily by Your Spirit, that He may daily put to death our sinful nature and work the daily renewal of our life.

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

I Peter 1:17b-19

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.

Trinity Hymnal #242

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

Please stand, if you are able.

Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

(Continue)

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

(Continue)

My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

(Continue)

My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree;
I know my guilt was there.

(Continue)

Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 180. What is it to pray in the Name of Christ?

(Continue)

Answer

To pray in the Name of Christ is, in obedience to His command, and in confidence on His promises, to ask mercy for His sake; not by bare mentioning of His Name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and His mediation.

(Continue)

Q. 181. Why are we to pray in the name of Christ?

(Continue)

Answer

The sinfulness of man, and his distance from God by reason thereof, being so great, as that we can have no access into God's presence without a mediator; and there being none in heaven or earth appointed to, or fit for, that glorious work but Christ alone, we are to pray in no other name but His only.

(End)

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

Collecting of Tithes and Offerings

The earth is the LORD's and the fulness thereof, the world
and those who dwell therein.

Psalm 24:1

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 119 (Mem)

“O, How I Love Your Law”

Please stand, if you are able.

Oh how I love Your law;
I meditate all day.
Your Word is wiser than my foes,
So I hold to Your ways.
Your Word has made me learn
What teachers cannot give.
I understand more than the aged,
For by Your Words I live.

(Continue)

I keep my feet from wrong
That I might know Your Word;
I shall not turn from Your commands,
For You have taught me, Lord.

Your promises are sweet,
Like honey to my soul!

I turn from every evil way;
Your Words have made me whole.

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:14-28

Sermon

“The Feast of the Unleavened Bread”

Pastor Theo

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

Prayer

Hymn 435

“O Church, Arise!”

Please stand, if you are able.

O church arise and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

(Continue)

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

(Continue)

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

(Continue)

So, Spirit, come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

The Blessing of God's People

Hebrews 13:20-21

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

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”