

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 27:1,4,5,6

Please stand, if you are able.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid?

**One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to
inquire in His temple.**

(Continue)

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

(End)

Opening Prayer

(In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Heavenly Father, thank You for a spiritual home. Thank You for the legacy of those who have gone before us. Lord Jesus. Thank You for Your church! Thank You for Your Word and witness across the world. We praise You for renewing Your church in every age through Your Holy Spirit and Your Word. Would You once again today come and unify us and renew us.

(Continue)

We long to be obedient to You and true to Your ways.
Continue to reform us. Make us courageous and steadfast and persevering in sharing Your grace and Good News, in living Your merciful, transforming love in the building of Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Inspire us and defend us and send us out again, our Father. For the honor and glory of Your Name alone. Amen

(End)

Psalm 45

“With Hearts in Love Abounding”

Please stand, if you are able.

With hearts in love abounding,
we now prepare to sing
a lofty theme, resounding
Your praise, almighty King;
Whose love, rich gifts bestowing,
has blessed the human race,
Whose lips are overflowing
with words of truth and grace.

(Continue)

In majesty transcendent,
put on Your conq'ring sword;
in righteousness resplendent,
ride on, incarnate Word.
Ride on, O King Messiah!
to glory and renown;
pierced by Your shafts of fire,
each foe be overthrown.

(Continue)

So reign, O God, in heaven,
eternally the same,
and endless praise be given
to Your almighty Name.
Clothed in Your dazzling brightness,
Your church on earth behold
in robes of purest whiteness,
in garments worked in gold.

(Continue)

Let every tribe and nation
come gladly in the throng
to share her great salvation,
and join her grateful song:
then shall no note of sadness
awake the trembling string;
one song of joy and gladness
the ransomed world shall sing.

(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)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Ezekiel 36:25b-27

I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

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. 182 How does the Spirit help us to pray?

(Continue)

Answer

We, not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helps our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces, which are requisite for the right performance of that duty.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:1-11

**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.

New Testament Scripture Reading

I Timothy 3:1-13

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 225

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Please stand, if you are able.

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ, our King;
Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

(Continue)

Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend;

To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end.

Alleluia! Amen!

(Continue)

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 13:1,2,11-16

Sermon

“Sons Redeemed”

Pastor Theo

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

Prayer

Hymn 517

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Please stand, if you are able.

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

(Continue)

Refrain:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

(Continue)

I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save;
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.

(Continue)

Refrain:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

(Continue)

I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell.

(Continue)

Refrain:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

(Continue)

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life has bro't me,
Son of God, with Him to be.

(Continue)

Refrain:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

(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!*”