

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 into the presence of the Almighty God?

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3, and 5

Please stand, if you are able.

Praise the LORD! Praise the Name of the LORD! Praise Him,
O servants of the LORD, you who stand in the house of the
LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

**Praise the LORD for the LORD is good; Sing praises to
His Name, for it is lovely. For we know that the Lord is
great, and that our LORD is above all gods!**

Opening Prayer

(In Unison)

Our Father in Heaven, we come to You and fully trust in Your power, even as it is often found in weakness. We trust in Your wisdom, even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness; in Your wholeness, even as it is revealed to us amid the brokenness in and around us. Lord, we do not ask this day for dazzling displays of strength, electric exercises of intellectual skill, or marvelous manifestations of miracles.

Continue

We simply come to worship, trusting that You will accomplish Your divine purposes through the wonderful and sufficient means of grace with which You have blessed us as a church. Come work in us. We are sinners but justified sinners. Continue to transform us more into the image of Christ and use us for Your glory. In Jesus Name. Amen

Hymn # 104

(1,2,4, and 5)

“O Worship the King”

Please stand, if you are able.

O worship the King all glorious above,
and gratefully sing His power and His love:
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

(Continue)

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

(Continue)

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail -
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end!
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

(Continue)

All hail to the King! In splendor enthroned;
Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders make known.
Returning victorious, great conqueror of sin,
King Jesus, all glorious, our vict'ry will win.

(Please be seated)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20.1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin

(Pastor Theo van Blerk)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Colossians 1.21

And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach, if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven ...

Hymn # 528

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

Please stand, if you are able.

My faith has found a resting place—

Not in device nor creed:

I trust the Ever-living One—

His wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain:

I need no other argument,

I need no other plea;

It is enough that Jesus died,

And that He died for me.

(Continue)

Enough for me that Jesus saves—
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him—
He'll never cast me out.

Refrain:

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.*

(Continue)

My heart is leaning on the Word—
The written Word of God;
Salvation by my Savior's name,
Salvation thro' His blood.

Refrain:

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.*

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Question 187

How is the Lord's Prayer to be used?

(Continue)

Answer

A. The Lord's Prayer is not only for direction, as a pattern according to which we are to make other prayers, but may also be used as a prayer, so that it be done with understanding, faith, reverence, and other graces necessary to the right performance of the duty of prayer.

(Continue)

Question 188

Of how many parts does the Lord's prayer consist?

(Continue)

Answer

A. The Lord's prayer consists of three parts: a preface, petitions, and a conclusion.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 38.1-12

**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 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 be seated)

New Testament Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 5.1-16

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor Theo van Blerk)

Hymn # 170
(1, 2, 3, and 5)

“God, in the Gospel of His Son”

Please stand, if you are able.

God, in the gospel of his Son,
makes His eternal counsels known;
where love in all its glory shines,
and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

(Continue)

Here sinners of a humble frame
may taste His grace and learn His name;
may read, in characters of blood,
the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

(Continue)

The pris'ner here may break his chains;
the weary rest from all his pains;
the captive feel his bondage cease;
the mourner find the way of peace.

(Continue)

O grant us grace, Almighty Lord,
to read and mark Your holy Word;
its truths with meekness to receive,
and by its holy precepts live.

(Please be seated)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 15.1-21

Sermon

“Worship and Praise the Highly-Exalted God”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

(Led by Pastor Theo van Blerk)

Hymn # 375

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Please stand, if you are able.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

(Continue)

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

(Continue)

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

(Continue)

Let every creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

The Blessing of God's People

Hebrews 13.20-21

Now 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, will 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!*”