

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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, where does your help come from?

Our help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

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He will not allow your foot to slip; He Who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, He Who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

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Behold, bless the LORD, all servants of the LORD, who serve by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the sanctuary and bless the LORD!

May the Lord bless you from Zion, He Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:3-5 and Psalm 134

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Opening Prayer

(Prayer led by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 95A
(verses 1,3,4,5)

“O, Come Before the Lord Our King”

Please stand, if you are able.

O come before the LORD, our King,
and in His presence let us sing;
let us in glad and joyful lays
the Rock of our salvation praise;
before Him come with thankful song,
in joyful psalms His praise prolong.

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O come and let us worship now,
before our Maker let us bow;
we are His sheep and He our God,
He feeds our souls in pastures broad;
He safely leads us in the way;
O come and hear His voice today.

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Take heed and harden not your heart
as did our fathers, nor depart
from God to follow in their ways;
for with complaints instead of praise,
with doubt instead of faith confessed,
they put His mercy to the test.

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Take heed that you provoke Him not,
as did your fathers, who forgot,
with erring heart, God's holy ways
and grieved Him all their sinful days;
to whom in wrath the LORD declared:
"My promised rest they shall not share."

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Prayer in Unison)

Our Father in heaven, with the Psalmist we pray, have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless

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in Your judgment. Once again, we embrace the truth of Your Word that You have sent your own Son to free us from Your judgment, because He stood before Your judgment seat in our place to pardon us! Cleanse us, Lord, that we could live, and let us live with a new obedience, worked by Your Holy Spirit as we live for You this week.

We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen

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God's Assurance to His Repentant People

With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22

Sing

“Holy Spirit”

Please stand, if you are able.

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me.
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

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Holy Spirit, come abide within.
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin.
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

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Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth.
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q191

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

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Answer

A. In the fifth petition, (which is “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,”) acknowledging that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin and thereby become debtors to the justice of God; and that neither we, nor any other creature, can make the least satisfaction of that debt: we pray for ourselves and others that God of His free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, apprehended and applied by

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Answer

faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in His Beloved, continue His favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offences.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 43

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:31-33

Prayer

(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

Titus 2:1-15

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Hymn 244

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Please stand, if you are able.

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

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Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:8-16

Sermon

“Trust God for the Victory”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

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!

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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!

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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!”

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THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

The Blessing of God's People

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way; the Lord be with all of you.

2 Thess. 3:16

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”