

Let us prepare to worship the living God

Prelude

**THE LORD BRINGS US INTO HIS
PRESENCE**

Let us rise to worship the Triune God, God the
Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, and let us all declare:

**Our help is in the Name of the Lord Who
made the heaven and earth!**

Psalm 124:8

Call To Worship

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Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, He is God!

A It is He who made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His
pasture.

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His
courts with praise!**

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

Psalm 100

Opening Prayer
(In Unison)



**Our Almighty God, God of our salvation,
We adore and worship You as one Being, one
God in three distinct Persons. We praise You
for bringing sinners like us to know You and
into Your kingdom.**

**O Father, You have loved us and sent Your
beloved Son to redeem us.**

**You sent Him to this earth to assume our
nature and shed His own blood to wash
away our sins and be our perfect
righteousness to cover our iniquities.**

You sent Your Holy Spirit to live in us after He awakened us into a new life and continues to apply the salvation of Christ to us day after day. We worship You today for Who You are. We praise You because there is no comfort in anything apart from enjoying You.

**Bless us this morning when we appear in
Your holy presence. Let us worship You with
godly fear, amazed by your majesty and
glory, and encouraged by Your love. In Jesus
Name we pray.
Amen.**

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Hymn of Praise #278

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.**

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Refrain:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

Say what may the tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song?

[Refrain]

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Refrain:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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**Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.**

[Refrain]

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Refrain:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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See within a manger laid

Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,

With us sing our Savior's birth. *[Refrain]*

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Refrain:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**THE LORD CONVICTS US OF OUR SIN
AND CALLS US TO REPENTANCE**

Scripture Reading
Exodus 20

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Prayer led by Pastor)



God's Assurance to His Repentant People

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Hymn #480
“Only Trust Him”

**Come every soul by sin oppressed -
There's mercy with the Lord,
And He will surely give you rest
By trusting in His Word.**

Refrain:

Only trust Him; only trust Him.

Only trust Him now.

He will save you; He will save you.

He will save you now.

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For Jesus shed His precious blood

Rich blessings to bestow;

Plunge now into the crimson flood

That washes white as snow. *[Refrain]*

Refrain:

Only trust Him; only trust Him.

Only trust Him now.

He will save you; He will save you.

He will save you now.

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**Yes, Jesus is the Truth, the Way,
That leads you into rest;
Believe in Him without delay
And you are fully blest. *[Refrain]***

Refrain:

Only trust Him; only trust Him.

Only trust Him now.

He will save you; He will save you.

He will save you now.

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

*(Sin in the Human Race -
Questions 13 to 19)*

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the state in which they were created?

Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the state in which they were created by sinning against God.^[a]

[a] Gen 3:6-8; Gen 3:13; 2 Cor 11:3

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Q. 14. What is sin?

Sin is any failure to measure up to what God requires, or any disobedience to His commands.^[a]

[a] Lev 5:17; Jas 4:17; 1 John 3:4

Q. 15. What was the sin by which our first parents fell from the state in which they were created?

The sin by which our first parents fell from the state in which they were created, was their eating the fruit^[a] that God had forbidden. [a] Gen 3:6

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first disobedience?

Since the covenant of life was made with Adam^[a] for his descendants as well as for himself, all mankind descending from him in the ordinary manner, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression.^[b]

[a] Gen 2:16-17; Jas 2:10; [b] Rom 5:12-21; 1 Cor 15:22

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Proverbs 22:1-9

*Children age PreK-1st Grade
Are dismissed for Children's Church*

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

*Give generously to Him and do so without a
grudging heart; then because of this the Lord
your God will bless you in all your work and in
everything you put your hand to.*

Deuteronomy 15:10

Psalm 113

“Praise the Lord All You Who Serve Him”

**Praise the Lord, all you who serve Him,
A praise the Lord through all your days,
then throughout eternal ages,
for the Lord deserves your praise!
Praise the Lord in every language,
every nation, clan, and tribe;
everywhere the sunlight touches
may His Name be glorified!**

A Praise the Lord's majestic greatness;

no one can compare with Him!

Sov'reign over earth and heaven—

we proclaim His matchless Name!

Yes He condescends to help us,

showing mercy to His own,

lifting high the poor and needy,

giving barren ones a home!

**Praise the Savior who is worthy,
humble Lamb for sinners slain.**

**By His blood He sealed our pardon,
so we glorify His Name!**

**People drawn from every nation
bow before the sov'reign Lord;
praise and service let us render
to our King forevermore!**

Prayer for God's Provision



The Doxology

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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.**

New Testament Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-2:12

Pastoral Prayer

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

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14

Sermon

“Know and Celebrate the Real Jesus (2)”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

Prayer

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Hymn #45

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

**A Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb
upon His throne.**

**Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all
music but its own!**

**Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died
for thee,**

**And hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**A Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His
hands and side,**

**Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty
glorified.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast
died for me:**

**Thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.**

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**Crown Him the Lord of life! Who
triumphed o'er the grave,**

**Who rose victorious in the strife for those
He came to save.**

**His glories now we sing, Who died and rose
on high,**

**Who died eternal life to bring, and lives
that death may die.**

**A Crown Him the Lord of heaven! One with
the Father known,**

**One with the Spirit through Him given
from yonder glorious throne.**

**To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us
hast died.**

**Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days
adored and magnified!**

THE LORD SENDS US OUT

The Blessing to God's People

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

Hebrews 13:20-21

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!