

## Prelude

*Let us prepare ourselves for worship.*

### THE LORD CALLS US

• Let us rise to worship the God Whose word cannot be broken: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People: Amen!**

I will extol You, my God and King,  
and bless Your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless You  
and praise Your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and His greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend Your works to another,  
and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,  
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare Your greatness.**

*Psalm 145:1-6*

### • Opening Prayer

**Lord God Almighty, our Father in heaven,**

**We praise You that You have sanctified  
the first day of the week as the Christian sabbath**

**by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.**

**We praise You for commanding us to celebrate this day week after week  
to be reminded of the victory of Jesus Christ over the devil, sin, and death.**

**Fill our hearts by Your Spirit with a spirit of reverence and godly fear,  
and unite us with one heart to worship You this morning.**

**We come in the merits of our one and only mediator, Jesus Christ.**

**In His powerful Name we pray.**

**Amen.**

**• Hymn of Entry**  
*“Forever Settled in the Heav’ns”*

Forever settled in the heav’ns  
Thy Word, O Lord, shall firmly stand;  
Thy faithfulness shall never fail;  
The earth abides at Thy command.

Thy Word and works unmoved remain,  
Thine every purpose to fulfil;  
All things are Thine and Thee obey,  
And all as servants wait Thy will.

I should have perished in my woe  
Had not I loved Thy law divine;  
That law I never can forget;  
O save me, Lord, for I am Thine.

The wicked would destroy my soul,  
But in Thy truth is refuge sure;  
Exceeding broad is Thy command,  
And in perfection shall endure.

**THE LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD**

**Scripture reading**  
*Exodus 20:1-17*

**We Confess Our Sin**

**God’s Assurance to His People**

If while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Romans 5:10-11*

• “How Deep the Father’s Love”

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure:  
that He should give His only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything –  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

**Professing our Faith**  
*Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. 94. What is baptism?

**A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.**

Q. 95. To whom is baptism to be administered?

**A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.**

**Old Testament reading**

*Proverbs 10:1-16*

**Tithes and Offerings**

*"Still, My Soul, Be Still"*

Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear  
though winds of change  
may rage tomorrow.  
God is at your side; no longer dread  
the fires of unexpected sorrow.

*God, You are my God,  
and I will trust in You and not be shaken.  
Lord of peace, renew  
a steadfast spirit within me  
to rest in You alone.*

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved  
by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.  
Hold onto His ways,  
with shield of faith  
against temptation's flaming arrows.  
*God, You are my God ...*

Still, my soul, be still;  
do not forsake  
the truth you learned in the beginning.  
Wait upon the Lord,  
and hope will rise  
as stars appear when day is dimming.  
*God, You are my God ...*

## Prayer for God's Provision

### The Doxology

*You may remain seated.*

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.

### Pastoral Prayer

*To conclude with:*

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

### Scripture reading

*Amos 8*

Sermon "Ripe for Judgment"  
Pastor Theo van Blerk

## THE LORD SENDS US OUT

### • Departing Hymn

*"Before the Throne of God Above"*

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest Whose Name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is written on His hands,  
my name is hidden in His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
no power can force me to depart,  
no power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
I look to heav'n and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the just, is satisfied  
to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself, I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by His blood;  
my life is safe with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

• **The Blessing to God's People**

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*