

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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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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Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

Psalm 105:1-5

(End)

Opening Prayer

(In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

We fix our eyes on You, Jesus, our Lord, our Savior, and King. Come fill our hearts with Your endless love and send Your Spirit to give us new hope through our lives. Come light up our souls to rise in faith, to stretch out and take in Your kingdom. Come, pour out Your Spirit upon us as we stand together as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

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Come lift up our heads, brush away the shadows of guilt, and shine Your grace into our minds. And so, Lord, we arise to worship. We shake off the shackles of a fallen world and join with Heaven to sing Your praise. We will declare Your goodness now and celebrate Your greatness forevermore!

Amen

(End)

Hymn 342

“Rock of Ages”

Please stand, if you are able.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

(Continue)

Could my tears forever flow,
Could my zeal no languor know,
Thee for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

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While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(In Unison)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slow to do good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.

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But, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving God, help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(End)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8-12

Hymn #562

“Be Thou My Vision”

Please stand, if you are able.

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

(Continue)

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 8. Are there more Gods than one?

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Answer

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

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Q. 9. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

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Answer

A. There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory, although distinguished by their personal properties.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 4:9-14

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:17

Prayer

(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 stand, if you are able.

New Testament Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

Song

“His Mercy Is More”

Please stand, if you are able.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more

Refrain

Praise the Lord; His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

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What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Refrain

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Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

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What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Refrain

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(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 142

Sermon

“A Song for the Cave”

TE Joe White

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

Prayer

Led by TE Joe White

Song

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Please stand, if you are able.

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

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Behold the Man upon a 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

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I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'r, 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.

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”