

LET US PREPARE TO WORSHIP THE  
LIVING GOD

# **Prelude**

*“Beyond The Manger”*

**Just beyond the manger**  
*Do you know what occurred?*  
**Christ came into the world**  
**He did it for His own.**

**Just beyond the manger,  
I hear the hammer falls  
I see a cursed cross  
On it the Son of God,  
Just beyond the manger**

**Just beyond the manger  
I see God's plan unfold  
Christ died on Calvary  
It's done for you and me.**

**Just beyond the manger  
I see an empty grave  
The risen Christ has won  
He conquered death and sin  
Just beyond the manger**

**Forgive us Lord, and grant us eyes to see**

**In every Christmas, Calvary**

**Implant it in our hearts.**

**Help us recall He died and rose again**

**The perfect work of Christ fulfilled**

**for His precious own.**

**Just beyond the manger 3X**  
**The work of Christ fulfilled**  
**Just beyond the manger.**



**GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AND CALLS  
HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP HIM**

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

**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand  
of their master, as the eyes  
of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so  
our eyes look to the LORD  
our God, till He has mercy upon us.** *Psalm 123:2*

# CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall  
I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall  
I be afraid?

**One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I  
seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the  
Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon  
the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His  
temple.**

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. *Psalm 27:1,4,5,6***

**Opening Prayer**  
*(Led by Pastor)*



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## Hymn #352

*“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward,  
To my glorious rest above.**



**O the deep, deep love of Jesus -  
A Spread His praise from shore to shore!**

**How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore;  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,**

**Love of every love the best;**

**'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,**

**'Tis a haven sweet of rest.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,**

**'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;**

**And it lifts me up to glory,**

**For it lifts me up to Thee.**

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

*The Ten Commandments*  
*Exodus 20:1-17*

# We Pray and Confess Our Sin

*Prayer led by Pastor*

# God's Assurance to His Repentant People

In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

*Ephesians 1:5-7*

**Hymn #347**  
*“And Can It Be”*

**And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Refrain:*

*Amazing love! how can it be*

*That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*



**A He left His Father's throne above;**

**So free, so infinite His grace.**

**Emptied Himself of all but love,**

**And bled for Adam's helpless race.**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free,**

**For, O my God, it found out me. *[Refrain]***

*Refrain:*

*Amazing love! how can it be*

*That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off; my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.**

***[Refrain]***

*Refrain:*

*Amazing love! how can it be*

*That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine;  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, thro' Christ, my own.**

***[Refrain]***

*Refrain:*

*Amazing love! how can it be*

*That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**We Profess Our Faith**

*Westminster Catechism 1 & 2*

Q. 3. What is the Word of God?

**A. The holy Bible, made up of the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God.<sup>1</sup> It is the only authority for faith and obedience.<sup>2</sup>**

*1. 2 Tm 3.15-17, 2 Pt 1.19-21. 2. Eph 2.20, Rev 22.18-19, Is 8.20, Lk 16.29,31, Gal 1.8-9, 2 Tm 3.15-16.*



**Q. 4. What evidence is there that the Bible is the Word of God?**

**A. The Bible clearly shows that it is the Word of God by its majesty<sup>1</sup> and purity,<sup>2</sup> by the agreement of all its parts,<sup>3</sup> by its unified aim to give all glory to God,<sup>4</sup> and by its illuminating power to convince and convert sinners, and to comfort and build up believers unto salvation.<sup>5</sup> However, only the Spirit of God, testifying by and with the Bible in our hearts, can completely persuade us that it is truly the Word of God.<sup>6</sup>**

*1 Hos 8.12, 1 Cor 2.6-7,13, Ps 119.18,129. 2 Ps 12.6, 119.40. 3. Acts 10.43, 26.22. 4.  
Rom 3.19,27. 5. Acts 18.28, Heb 4.12, Jas 1.18, Ps 19.7-9, Rom 15.4,  
Acts 20.32. 6. Jn 16.13-14, 1 Cor 2.6-9, 1 Jn 2.20,27, Jn 20.31.*

Q. 5. What does the Bible primarily teach?

**A. The Bible primarily teaches what we must believe about God and what God requires of us.<sup>1</sup>**

*1. 2 Tm 1.13.*

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Proverbs 24:1-16*

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

# **We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*“Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:25, 31, 33~*

**Hymn #597**

*“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

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**Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to Thee.**

**Take my moments and my days -  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**



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**Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love.**

**Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee,  
swift and beautiful for Thee.**

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**Take my voice and let me sing**

**Always, only, for my King.**

**Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from Thee,  
filled with messages from Thee.**

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**Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold.**

**Take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

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**Take my love – my Lord, I pour  
at Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee**

**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**

*Hebrews 9:15-28*

**Pastoral Prayer**

*(Led by Pastor)*



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

# Scripture Reading

*1 John 3:1-10 (v.1)*

# Sermon

*“Amazing Love How Can It Be”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

Sing

*“How Deep The Father’s Love for Us”*

**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 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.**

**THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE 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. *Hebrews 13:20-21***

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!