

Let us prepare ourselves for worship

**Prelude**

# THE LORD CALLS US

Let us rise to worship the Triune God, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and declare  
in the words of Psalm 124:8

**People:**

**“Our help is in the Name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.” Amen!**

# 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?

## **PEOPLE:**

**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.

**PEOPLE:**

**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



## **Hymn of Praise**

*“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”*

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;  
The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still He is nigh –His presence we have.  
The great congregation His triumph shall  
sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.**

**Salvation to God, Who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give Him His right,  
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.**

# THE LORD CONVICTS US OF OUR SIN

Scripture reading

Exodus 20:1-17

**We Confess Our Sin**

**Our Father and our God,  
We are heavy laden by our sins. It is too heavy to  
bear. We could not hide it.**

**We could not erase it.**

**We cannot undo what we have done.**

**We cannot ask You to close Your eyes for our  
sins, because we know You are holy and just.**

**We deserve to be punished for our sins. And  
we know the wages of sin is death.  
Thus. we come and ask You to wash us  
clean with the blood of Jesus Christ.**

**Pardon us for His sake. Restore us once again that we would serve You with a clean conscious and a thankful heart for the redemption, and the forgiveness of sins we have in Jesus Christ.**

**Continue to transform us into His image.**

**We pray in the powerful Name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

# **God's Assurance to His People**

**But when the kindness of God our Savior and  
His love for mankind appeared,  
He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which  
we did in righteousness, but in accordance  
with His mercy, by the washing of  
regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit**

**Whom He richly poured out upon us through Jesus  
Christ our Savior so that being justified by His grace  
we would be made heirs according to the hope of  
eternal life.**

*Titus 3:4-7*

# Hymn

*Psalm 51*

*Melody: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"*

**God, be merciful to me;**

**On Thy grace I rest my plea;**

**In Thy vast, abounding grace, my**

**transgressions all erase. Wash me wholly from**

**my sin; Cleanse from every ill within.**

**For my sins before me rise. Ever present to  
my eyes,  
I have sinned 'gainst Thee alone, in Thy sight  
this evil done;  
That Thy judgment may be clear, And Thy  
sentence just appear.**

**Lo, brought forth was I in sin; when conceived  
I was unclean.**

**Lo, Thou dost desire to find truth sincere  
within the mind;**

**And Thou wilt within my heart wisdom unto  
me impart.**

**Free me from the guilt of blood, God, of my  
salvation God;**

**Then with joy my tongue shall raise songs  
Thy righteousness to praise.**

**Open Thou my lips, O Lord; Then my mouth  
shall praise accord.**

# **Professing our Faith**

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

**Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?**

**A. The decrees of God are, His eternal purpose,  
according to the counsel  
of His will, whereby, for His own glory,  
He hath foreordained  
whatsoever comes to pass.**

*Eph. 1:4, 11; Rom. 9:22-23.*

Q. 8. How doth God execute His decrees?

**A. God executeth His decrees in the works  
of creation and providence.**

*Ps. 148:8; Isa. 40:26; Dan. 4:35; Acts 4:24-  
28, Rev. 4:11*

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

**The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good.**

*Gen. 1; Heb. 11:3.*

Q. 10. How did God create man?

**A. God created man male and female,  
after His own image, in know-  
ledge, righteousness, and holiness,  
with dominion over the creatures.**

**[Gen. 1:26-28](#); [Col. 3:10](#); [Eph. 4:24](#).**

**New Testament reading**  
John 21:15-25

# 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*

*“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”*

**How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ  
within the doors**

**While everlasting love displays the choicest of her  
stores.**

**While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire  
the feast,**

**Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why  
was I a guest?”**

**“Why was I made to hear Your voice, and  
enter while there's room,  
when thousands make a wretched choice,  
and rather starve than come?”**

**'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
that sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste and  
perished in our sin.**

**Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the  
earth to come;**

**Send Your victorious Word abroad,  
bring the strangers home.**

**We long to see Your churches full,  
that all the chosen race  
may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing  
Your redeeming grace!**

**Prayer for God's Provision**



**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.**

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# Pastoral Prayer

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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

*Luke 16:19-31*



# **Sermon**

## **“The Rich Man and Lazarus: Any Second Chances”**

Pastor Theo van Blerk



# THE LORD SENDS US OUT

*“Facing A Task Unfinished (We Go To All The World)”*  
*(Tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)*

**Facing a task unfinished,  
that drives us to our knees.  
A need that, undiminished,  
rebukes our slothful ease.**

**We, who rejoice to know Thee,  
renew before Thy throne**

**the solemn pledge we owe Thee – to go and make Thee  
known**

**Where other lords beside Thee hold their  
unhindered sway;**

**Where forces that defied Thee, defy Thee  
still today.**

**With none to heed their crying for life,  
and love, and light,  
unnumbered souls are dying and pass into  
the night.**

**We bear the torch, that flaming, fell from  
the hands of those  
who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus  
died and rose.  
Ours is the same commission, the same glad  
message ours;  
Fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield  
our powers.**

**O Father Who sustained them, O Spirit Who  
inspired,**

**Savior, Whose love constrained them to toil  
with zeal untired.**

**From cowardice defend us, from lethargy  
awake!**

**Forth on Thine errands send us to labor for Thy  
sake.**

**The Blessing to God's People**



**May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and our  
God and Father, Who loved us and by His  
grace gave us eternal encouragement and  
good hope, encourage your hearts, and  
strengthen you in every good deed and word.  
Amen.**

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

Christ Is Risen!