

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

- *The bullet points indicate when to stand if you are able.*

**GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO
WORSHIP HIM**

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Please stand, if you are able.

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!

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!

Opening Prayer

(Prayer in Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Our Father in heaven, how sweet and awesome is this place with Christ within the doors. Thank you for displaying Your everlasting love and the choicest of Your store when we gather again today as Your people. It was the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in, else we had still refused to taste, and would have perished in our sins. We long to see our churches full, that all the chosen race may with one voice and heart and soul sing Your redeeming grace. We pray for your blessing on each this morning. Let our worship rise to You as a pleasing aroma this morning for the sake of Jesus, our Mediator and Savior. We pray in His Name. Amen

Psalm 33

“Rejoice, You Righteous in the Lord”

Please stand, if you are able.

Rejoice, you righteous, in the Lord,
and sing a hymn of praise!
Make music now with heart and voice,
a skillful song now raise!
For true and faithful are His works,
and all His words are right!
All righteousness Jehovah loves,
in justice takes delight.

(Continue)

The heav'ns were made by His command,
the stars with but a word.

The sea He gathers in His hand—
its depths by Him are stored.

God spoke, and all the earth was made!

All people, fear the Lord!

O stand, all earth, in awe of Him,
and tremble at His word!

(Continue)

The nations of the earth may plan.
but men's designs shall fail.
The Lord shall foil all schemes of man;
no sinful thoughts prevail.
The counsels of the Lord shall stand;
they are forever sure.
The plans of Yahweh's heart are firm;
His chosen ones, secure.

(Continue)

From heav'n above the Lord looks down
on all the sons of men;
the small, and men of great renown,
He watches from His throne.
In sov'reign providence He moves
and fashions all their hearts;
considers all their works, and then
to each his own imparts.

(Continue)

An army cannot save a king,
nor rescue from the grave.
No mighty horse can safety bring—
God's hand alone can save!
Our souls wait only for the Lord,
our Helper and our Shield.
In Him alone we find our joy;
to none but Him we yield.

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20.1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin

(Led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

1 Corinthians 6.9-11

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Hymn 450

“Lift High the Cross”

Please stand, if you are able.

Refrain

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

(Continue)

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

(End)

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

(Continue)

O Lord, once lifted on the cursed tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(Continue)

Set up Thy throne, and earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(Continue)

For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Question 156

Is the Word of God to be read by all?

A. Although all are not to be permitted to read the Word publicly to the congregation during a worship service, yet all sorts of people are bound to read it apart by themselves and with their families: to which end, the holy Scriptures are to be translated out of the original into understandable languages.

Deut. 31:9, 11-13; Neh. 8:2-3; Neh. 9:3-5; Deut. 17:19; Rev. 1:3; John 5:39; Isa. 34:16; Deut. 6:6-9; Gen. 18:17, 19; Ps. 78:5-7; 1 Cor. 14:6, 9, 11-12, 15-16, 24, 27-28.

Question 157

How is the Word of God to be read?

A. The holy Scriptures are to be read with a high and reverent esteem of them; with a firm persuasion that they are the very Word of God; and that He only can enable us to understand them; with a desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them; with diligence and attention to the matter and scope of them; with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer.

Ps. 19:10; Neh. 8:3-10; Ex. 24:7; 2 Chr. 34:27; Isa. 66:2; 2 Pet. 1:19-21; Luke 24:45; 2 Cor. 3:13-16; Deut. 17:19-20; Acts 17:11; Acts 8:30, 34; Luke 10:26-28; Ps. 1:2; Ps. 119:97; 2 Chr. 34:21; Prov. 3:5; Deut. 33:3; Prov. 2:1-6; Ps. 119: 18; Neh. 8:6, 8.

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 26

*Parents of children in PreK—1st Grade
have the option to take their children to
Children's Church*

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

Collecting of Tithes and Offerings

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9.7

Prayer for God's Provision

(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 Corinthians 15.39-58

Pastoral Prayer

Led by Pastor Theo van Blerk

Let Us Sing

“Speak, O Lord”

Please stand, if you are able.

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

(Continue)

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

(Continue)

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 7.14-25

Sermon

“God’s Judgments Are Right and Severe”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Pastor Theo van Blerk

Hymn 319

“Day of Judgment”
(In Red Trinity Hymnal)

Please stand, if you are able.

Day of judgment, day of wonders
Hark the trumpet's awful sound
Louder than a thousand thunders
Shakes the vast creation round
How the summons
Will the sinner's heart confound.

(Continue)

See the Judge our nature wearing
Clothed in majesty divine
You who long for His appearing
Then shall say, This God is mine
Gracious Savior
Own me in that day for Thine.

(Continue)

At His call the dead awaken
Rise to life from earth and sea
All the powers of nature shaken
By His look prepare to flee
Careless sinner,
What will then become of thee.

(Continue)

But to those who have confessèd
Loved and served the Lord below
He will say, Come near you blessèd
See the kingdom I bestow
You forever
Shall My love and glory know.

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

Prayer for the Blessing of God's People

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, Who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, 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.

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”