Let us prepare to worship the living God

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

Prelude

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AND CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP HIM

Let us rise as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, calls us to worship Him! As we are gathered as His people let us openly declare:

• Our help is in the Name of the LORD Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

• Call to Worship

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever: with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD: Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? AWho among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, A God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around Him?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Blessed are the people who know the joyful shout, who walk, o LORD, in the light of Thy **countenance** ... ** *Psalm 89:1,5-6,14-15*

• Opening Prayer

(In Unison)

Heavenly Father, we surrender all we are and have to You. In this hour come and meet us, cleanse us from our sin and guilt. Let the righteousness of Christ our Savior be the ground on which we stand. Sanctify us through Your Holy Spirit. Let Your Word, the double-edged sword, pierce into our rebellious hearts.

Reveal Yourself to us in the pages of Your Word and let us see Christ as clear as though we have seen Him hanging on the cross ourselves. Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, our Rock and our Redeemer.

• Psalm 45

"With Hearts in Love Abounding"

With hearts in love abounding, we now prepare to sing a lofty theme, resounding Your praise, almighty King; whose love, rich gifts bestowing, has blessed the human race, whose lips are overflowing with words of truth and grace.

In majesty transcendent, put on Your conq'ring sword; in righteousness resplendent, ride on, incarnate Word. Ride on, O King Messiah! to glory and renown; pierced by Your shafts of fire, each foe be overthrown.

So reign, O God, in heaven, eternally the same, and endless praise be given to Your almighty name. Clothed in Your dazzling brightness, Your church on earth behold in robes of purest whiteness, in garments worked in gold.

Let every tribe and nation come gladly in the throng to share her great salvation, and join her grateful song: then shall no note of sadness awake the trembling string; one song of joy and gladness the ransomed world shall sing.

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

Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, Who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

• Hymn #434 "Revive Us Again"

We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love - For Jesus, Who died and is now gone above.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Revive us again.

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We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of Light, Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Revive us again.

A

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Revive us again.

A

Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be rekindled With fire from above. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Revive us again.

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 38. Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be God?

A. It was necessary that the Mediator should be God, that He might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to His sufferings, obedience and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure His favor, purchase a peculiar people,

give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Acts 2:24-25; Rom. 1:4; Rom. 4:25; Heb. 9:14;

Acts 20:28; Heb. 9:14; Heb. 7:25-28; Rom. 3:24-26;

Eph. 1:6; Matt. 3:17; Titus 2:13-14; Gal. 4:6;

Luke 1:68-69, 71, 74; Heb. 5:8-9; Heb. 9:11-15.

Q. 39. Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be man?

A. It was necessary that the Mediator should be man, that He might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

Heb. 2:16; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:14; Heb. 7:24-25; Heb. 4:15; Gal. 4:5; Heb. 4:16.

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Q. 40. Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

A. It was necessary that the Mediator, Who was to reconcile God and man, should Himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.

Matt. 1:21, 23; Matt. 3:17; Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 2:6.

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Proverbs 30:11-20

are dismissed for Children's Church

Children in PreK—1st Grade

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

"They all wait for Thee, to give them their food in due season. Thou dost give to them, they gather it up; Thou dost open Thy hand, they are satisfied with good."

 $\sim Psalm\ 104:27-28\sim$

• Hymn #597 (1,4,5,6)

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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.

Take my silver and my gold -Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect and use Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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.

Take my will and make it Thine -It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart - it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

• Prayer for God's Provision

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.

New Testament Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:6-12

Sermon

"Witnesses to the Truth"

Pastor Theo van Blerk

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer

Psalm 18

"I Love You, Lord, My Strength"

I love You, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress and my aid. My refuge and salvation's hope, to You I long have prayed. Though cords and snares encompassed me, confronting me with death, in my distress I called to You, my life and source of breath.

In Your own courts You heard my plea; my crying reached Your ear. The mountains shook, foundations reeled; Your anger strikes such fear. You came to me on wings of wind, with storm and lightning's pow'r. You saved me from my enemies; You give me strength each hour.

Your statues, Lord, I daily keep; my actions seek Your will. In loyalty I walk Your way; my heart is steadfast still. You pay the righteous with right things, yet bring the haughty low. A perfect shield for all in need, destruction to Your foe.

For who is God except the Lord, my rock, my strength, my stay? Salvation's shield You give to me; You widen victory's way. Blest be Your name, O living God, the victory You have won. Your name I will proclaim to all, O saving, sov'reign One.

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Prayer for the Blessing of God's People

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Chrust is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!