

# 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 66:1-5*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;

**Sing the glory of His Name; Make His praise glorious.**

Say to God, “How awesome are Thy works!”

**All the earth will worship Thee and will sing praises to Thy Name. Come and see the works of God, Who is awesome in His deeds towards the sons of men. Bless our God, O peoples, and sound His praise abroad, Who keeps us in life and does not allow our feet to slip.**

# Opening Prayer

*(In Unison - Based on Psalm 65)*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion and to You shall vows be performed. O You, who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come. Thus, we come to You again today, O Lord. When iniquities prevail against us, You atone for our transgressions. Thus, we come to You again today, O Lord. You said, blessed is the one You choose and bring near to dwell in Your courts. We feel blessed today, O Lord. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple. Come and satisfy us today, O Lord! We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*Hymn 151*

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe —  
His craft and pow'r are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

*(Continue)*

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is He —  
Lord Sabaoth His Name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

*(Continue)*

And tho' this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph thro' us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him —  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

*(Continue)*

That word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thro' Him Who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also —  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still:  
His kingdom is forever.

*(End)*

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

# God's Commandments

*Exodus 20.1-17*

# **We Pray and Confess Our Sin**

*(Pastor Theo)*

# God's Assurance to His Repentant People

1 Corinthians 1:27-31

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

# Hymn 611

*“He Hideth My Soul”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,  
A wonderful Savior to me;  
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,  
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;  
He hideth my life in the depths of His love  
And covers me there with His hand,  
And covers me there with His hand.

*(Continue )*

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord—

He taketh my burden away.

He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved;

He giveth me strength as my day.

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock

That shadows a dry, thirsty land;

He hideth my life in the depths of His love

And covers me there with His hand,

And covers me there with His hand.

*(Continue )*

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns;  
And, filled with His fullness divine,  
I sing in my rapture, "O glory to God  
For such a Redeemer as mine!"

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;  
He hideth my life in the depths of His love  
And covers me there with His hand,  
And covers me there with His hand.

*(Continue)*

When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise  
To meet Him in clouds of the sky;  
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love  
I'll shout with the millions on high!

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;  
He hideth my life in the depths of His love  
And covers me there with His hand,  
And covers me there with His hand.

*(End)*

# **We Profess Our Faith**

*Westminster Larger Catechism*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Q. 174 What is required of them that receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the time of the administration of it?*

*(Continue)*

## **Answer**

**It is required of them that receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper that during the time of the administration of it, with all holy reverence and attention, they wait upon God in that ordinance, diligently observe the sacramental elements and actions, heedfully discern the Lord's body, and affectionately meditate on His death and sufferings,**

*(Continue)*

## **Answer**

**and thereby stir up themselves to a vigorous exercise of their  
graces; in judging themselves and sorrowing for sin; in  
earnest hungering and thirsting after Christ, feeding on Him  
by faith, receiving of His fulness, trusting in His merits,  
rejoicing in His love, giving thanks for His grace; in  
renewing of their covenant with God, and love to all the  
saints.**

*(End)*

# **Old Testament Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 34:1-11**

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

## Collecting of Tithes and Offerings

Conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

1 Peter 1:18-19

# **Prayer for God's Provision**

*(Led by 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**

*2 Thessalonians 3:1-6*

# **Prayer for the Congregation**

*(Prayer led by Pastor Theo)*

# Hymn

*“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**

# Scripture Reading

*Exodus 9:8-12*

# **Sermon**

*“Suffering, Yet No Repentance!”*

*Pastor Theo*

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

# Prayer

*(Led by Pastor Theo)*

# Psalm 93

*“The Lord Is Robed in Majesty”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

The Lord is robed in majesty;  
Forever He shall reign.  
His world is firm and shall not move;  
Our God is clothed in strength.

*(Continue)*

You are the everlasting God;  
You reign from ancient days.  
And from the mighty pounding flood,  
The waters lift their praise.

*(Continue )*

Yet greater is our glorious God  
Than ocean's stormy roar.  
How firm and faithful is Your Word,  
Both now and evermore..

*(End )*

# THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*Please stand, if you are able.*

# **The Blessing of God's People**

**2 Thess. 3:16**

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way; the Lord be with all of you.

*Please stand, if you are able.*

**Leader:** “*Christ is Risen!*”

**All:** “*He is Risen Indeed!*”