

Let us prepare to worship the living God

**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 123:2,

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**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.**

# Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully. He will  
receive blessing from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of his  
salvation.**

**Such is the generation of those who seek Him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up,  
O ancient doors, that the King of glory may  
come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord,  
strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle!**

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O  
ancient doors, that the King of glory may come  
in. Who is this King of glory?**

**The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

*Psalm 24*

# Opening Prayer



**Our Father in heaven,  
Once again today, You called and allowed  
us to worship You. And when we look at  
ourselves, we know we are not worthy.  
Perhaps someone among us, or someone  
watching this sermon might think *'I shall  
never enter into the heaven of God, for I  
neither have clean hands, nor a pure heart.'***

**Lord, that is true of each of us if we stand alone and unclothed of the righteousness of Christ. Thus, we pray, that we all will look then to Christ for our worship, Who already has climbed the holy hill. Who has already entered the heavenly sanctuary as a forerunner of those who trust in Him! O Lord, let us follow in His footsteps and rest upon the merits of Christ our Lord and Savior.**

**We pray in His Name. Amen**

# Psalm of Praise

*“Psalm 48”*

*(Tune: “Onward, Christian Soldiers”)*

**God is great in Zion, highly to be praised,  
On the sacred mountain, elegant and  
raised,  
In the royal city, fortified for war;  
God is her defense, and guards her  
evermore.**

## CHORUS

*We have heard the rumor and confirm the  
word:*

*This is God's own city, armies of the Lord!*

**Kings arose together, swept across to fight.**

**They were overwhelmed and staggered at  
the sight,**

**Filled with fear and trembling,  
writhing in defeat,**

**Reeling, as Your tempest burst upon their  
fleet. (*Chorus*)**

## CHORUS

*We have heard the rumor and confirm the  
word:*

*This is God's own city, armies of the Lord!*

**In Your temple courts we reenact Your grace.**

**God, Your Name is praised in every time and  
place,**

**Justice in Your right hand,  
judgments in Your voice.**

**Now let Zion sing, and Judah's towns rejoice.**

***(Chorus)***

## CHORUS

*We have heard the rumor and confirm the  
word:*

*This is God's own city, armies of the Lord!*

**Wander through Mount Zion, count her  
many tow'rs,**

**Lay to heart her ramparts, scrutinize her  
pow'rs.**

**Tell it to your children, when our days are  
gone,**

**"God is ours forever, and will lead us on."**

***(Chorus)***

## CHORUS

*We have heard the rumor and confirm the  
word:*

*This is God's own city, armies of the Lord!*

**THE LORD CONVICTS US OF OUR SIN  
AND CALLS US TO REPENTANCE**

# Scripture Reading

*Exodus 20:1-17*

*(Focus on 9th Commandment)*



**We Confess Our Sin**

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

**My shield is with God, Who saves the upright in heart. God is a righteous Judge, and a God Who has indignation every day. If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready. Yet there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!**

**Hymn**  
*“Beneath the Cross”*

**Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to  
stand;**

**And wonder at such mercy, that calls me as I am.**

**For hands that should discard me, hold wounds  
which tell me, “Come.”**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is  
won.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my  
own.**

**Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now  
one through grace alone.**

**How could I now dishonor the ones that You  
have loved?**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children  
called by God.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before  
the crown,**

**We follow in His footsteps, where  
promised hope is found.**

**How great the joy before us- To be His  
perfect bride.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly  
live our lives**

# Professing our Faith

## *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

**Q. 85. What does God require of us,  
that we may escape His wrath and  
curse, due to us for sin?**

**A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.**

**Acts 20:21; Prov. 2:1-5; Prov. 8:33-36; Isa. 55:3.**

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.**

*Heb. 10:39; John 1:12; Isa. 26:3-4; Phil. 3:9; Gal. 2:16.*

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

**A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.**

*Acts 11:18; Acts 2:37-38; Joel 2:12; Jer. 3:22; Jer. 31:18-19; Ezek. 36:31; 2 Cor. 7:11; Isa. 1:16-17.*

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

**We worship God with our  
Tithes and Offerings**

*"Every man shall give as he is able,  
according to the blessing of the LORD your  
God which He has given you." ~*

*Deuteronomy 16:17~*

# Hymn 489

## *“Pass Me Not”*

**Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my  
humble cry;**

**While on others Thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.**

*Refrain*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.*

**Let me at the throne of mercy find a sweet  
relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
help my unbelief. (*Refrain*)**

*Refrain*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.*

**Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek  
Thy face.**

**Heal my wounded, broken spirit;  
save me by Thy grace. *(Refrain)***

*Refrain*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.*

**Thou, the Spring of all my comfort, more  
than life to me,**

**Whom have I on earth beside Thee?**

**Whom in heav'n but Thee?   *(Refrain)***

*Refrain*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.*

**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**



# THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

## Scripture Reading

*Exodus 1*



# **Sermon**

***“Children in the Kingdom of God  
Repent and Bear Fruit”***

**Pastor Theo van Blerk**

# Prayer

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
LORD'S SUPPER**

**“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, ‘This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying,**

**‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood.**

**Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

**Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body**

**and blood of the Lord. Let a person  
examine himself, then, and so eat of the  
bread and drink of the cup. For anyone  
who eats and drinks without discerning the  
body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-29*

Q. 97. What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

**A. It is required of us that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that we examine ourselves, of our knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of our faith to feed upon Him, of our repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, we eat and drink judgment to ourselves.**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism*

**SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**&**

**PRAYER**

# MERCY MINISTRY OFFERING

**THE LORD SENDS US OUT**

HYMN 377

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

**Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His  
the throne.**

**Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory  
alone.**

**Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder  
like a mighty flood:**

**"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us  
by His blood."**

**Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in  
sorrow now.**

**Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes,  
nor questions how.**

**Tho' the clouds from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I  
am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, You on earth our  
food and stay!**

**Alleluia! here the sinful flee to You from day  
to day.**

**Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's  
Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep  
across the crystal sea.**

**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. Amen**

***Hebrews 13:20-21***

Christ Is Risen!