

Let us prepare to worship the living God

Prelude

Let us rise to worship the Triune God,
God the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, and let us all declare:

**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.**

Psalm 123:2

Call to Worship

Sing to God, sing praises to His Name;
Lift up a song for Him Who rides through
the deserts,
Whose Name is the Lord, and exult before
Him.

**A father of the fatherless and a judge for
the widows,
Is God in His holy habitation.
God makes a home for the lonely;
He leads out the prisoners into prosperity,**

Only the rebellious dwell in a parched
land.

Blessed be the Lord, Who daily bears our
burden,

**The God Who is our salvation.
God is to us a God of deliverances;
And to God the Lord belong escapes
from death.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth,
Sing praises to the Lord,
To Him Who rides upon the highest
heavens, which are from ancient times;
Behold, He speaks forth with His voice,
a mighty voice.

**Ascribe strength to God;
His majesty is over Israel
And His strength is in the skies.**

**You are awesome from Your sanctuary.
The God of Israel Himself gives strength
and power to the people.
Blessed be God!**

Psalm 68 (selected verses)

Opening Prayer
(Led by the Pastor)



Hymn #1

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting
King!**

**Praise Him for His grace and favor to our
fathers in distress;**

**Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to
chide and swift to bless.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His
faithfulness!**

**Father-like, He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His
mercy flows.**

**Angels in the height, adore Him; you
behold Him face to face.**

**Saints triumphant, bow before Him;
gathered in from every race.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the
God of grace!**

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

Scripture Reading
Deuteronomy 5:1-21



We Confess Our Sin
(In Unison)



Our Father in heaven,

**When Your Word comes so clearly to us,
how could we deny our own iniquities? You
know it all. We have deliberately sinned.**

**We have neglected to do what is right in
Your eyes. We often are so unwilling to look
on our own evil thoughts and deeds.**

We frequently justify our own sins. Forgive us that we apply double standards in our lives. Forgive us that we are settling for the world's standards instead of the standards You set in Your Word. Forgive us that we are not striving to be excellent in our service for You and claim that You will understand.

**Forgive us that we forget that even though
You are our Father, You still are a Holy
God and wants us to be holy. Lord, lead us
to true repentance as a church. Fill our
hearts with Your Holy Spirit and lead us to
embrace Christ our Savior. Continue Your
sanctifying work in us, for Your glory!**

In Jesus Name. Amen

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

**And you were dead ¹in your trespasses and
sins, in which you formerly walked
according to the course of this world,
according to the prince of the power of the
air, of the spirit that is now working in the
sons of disobedience.**

Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) ...

Ephesians 2:1-5

HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!**

**My Comforter, my All in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone - Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine-
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny,
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

Professing our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 186. What rule hath God given for our direction in the duty of prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in the duty of prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which our Savior, Christ, taught His disciples, commonly called The Lord's Prayer.

Q. 187. How is The Lord's Prayer to be used?

A. The Lord's Prayer is not only for direction, as a pattern according to which we are to make other prayers; but may be also used itself as a prayer, so that it is done with understanding, faith, reverence, and other graces necessary to the right performance of the duty of prayer.

Q. 188. Of how many parts doth The Lord's
Prayer consist?

**A. The Lord's Prayer consists of three parts:
a preface, petitions, and a conclusion.**

Q. 189 What does the preface of
The Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of The Lord's Prayer (contained in these words, "Our Father Who art in heaven,") teaches us, when we pray, to draw near to God with confidence of His fatherly goodness, and our interest in it; with reverence, and all other childlike attitudes, heavenly affections,

and due

**understanding of His sovereign
power, majesty, and gracious
condescension: as also, to pray with and
for others.**

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Proverbs 17:15-28

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

We worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

*“Then the people rejoiced because they had
offered so willingly,
for they made their offering to the Lord with a
whole heart,
and King David also rejoiced greatly.”
~ 1 Chronicles 29:9 ~*

Hymn #599

“Jesus Is Lord of All”

**All my tomorrows, all my past- Jesus is
Lord of all.**

**I've quit my struggles, contentment at last!
Jesus is Lord of all.**

Refrain

King of kings, Lord of lords,

Jesus is Lord of all;

All my possessions and all my life,

Jesus is Lord of all

**All of my conflicts. all my thoughts-
Jesus is Lord of all.**

**His love wins the battles I could not have
fought; Jesus is Lord of all. *(Refrain)***

Refrain

King of kings, Lord of lords,

Jesus is Lord of all;

All my possessions and all my life,

Jesus is Lord of all

All of my longing. all my dreams-

Jesus is Lord of all.

All of my failures His power redeems;

Jesus is Lord of all. (*Refrain*)

Refrain

King of kings, Lord of lords,

Jesus is Lord of all;

All my possessions and all my life,

Jesus is Lord of all

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.



New Testament Reading

Matthew 24:42-44; 25:31-46

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Pastoral Prayer



THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

*“Children of the Kingdom of Heaven
Faithfully Serve God Until Jesus Returns”*

Pastor Theo van Blerk

Prayer

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THE LORD SENDS US OUT

Hymn #772

“When We All Get to Heaven”

**Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His
mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll
prepare for us a place.**

Refrain

*When we all get to heaven, what a day of
rejoicing that will be!*

*When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!*

**While we walk the pilgrim pathway clouds
will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over, not a
shadow, not a sigh. *(Refrain)***

Refrain

*When we all get to heaven, what a day of
rejoicing that will be!*

*When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!*

**Let us then be true and faithful, trusting,
serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the
toils of life repay. *(Refrain)***

Refrain

*When we all get to heaven, what a day of
rejoicing that will be!*

*When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!*

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His
beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open, we shall
tread the streets of gold. (*Refrain*)

Refrain

*When we all get to heaven, what a day of
rejoicing that will be!*

*When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!*

The Blessing to God's People



**Grace to you and peace from Him Who is
and Who was and Who is to come, and from
the seven spirits who are before His throne,
and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,
the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of
kings on earth.**

**To Him Who loves us and has freed us
from our sins by His blood and made us a
kingdom, priests to His God and Father,
to Him be glory and dominion forever
and ever. Amen.**

Revelation 1:4-6

Christ Is Risen!