

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Let us rise as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, calls His Church now 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. The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice.

Psalm 121:1-2

Psalm 97:1

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There will be silence before You, and praise in Zion, O God, and to You the vow will be performed.

O You, Who hear prayer, to You all men come. Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, You forgive them. How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You to dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

Psalm 65:1-4

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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!

Psalm 100

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Opening Prayer

(Prayer by Pastor)

Please stand, if you are able.

Psalm 47

“Clap Your Hands Now, All Ye People”

Please stand, if you are able.

Clap your hands now, all ye people;
Shout to God with joyful cry!
King of earth and King of heaven,
Awesome is the Lord Most High.
Sing His praises, sing His praises,
Lift your voice to God, our King!

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He shall humble all the nations
As a footstool for His throne.
His estate in love is given
Graciously unto His own.
Sing His praises, sing His praises,
Lift your voice to God, our King!

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God goes forth with shouts ascending,
Trumpets sound before the Lord.
For His reign is never-ending,
Let His songs of praise be heard.
Sing His praises, sing His praises,
Lift your voice to God, our King!

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God reigns over every nation,
Seated on His holy throne.
All His people gather, singing
Glory to His name alone.
Sing His praises, sing His praises,
Lift your voice to God, our King!

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(In Unison)

Our Father in heaven, You are our God and Redeemer, our Rock and our Salvation. Lord, we have sinned against You in so many ways. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit. We have not lived as thankful people who are being sanctified for Your purposes. We have served and worshiped ourselves. Our own desires and will have preference over Your will and commands for us. We have encouraged

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others with our mouths, yet we have hated in our hearts. We have read your Word, and yet, done what was evil. We plead that You would forgive us for the sake of Your beloved Son! Remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west and continue to transform us to be the instruments You want us to be. For Your glory, in the Name of Jesus we pray.

Amen

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God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Rather, you have burdened Me with your sins, you have wearied Me with your iniquities. I, even I, am the One Who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.

Isaiah 43: 24b, 25

Hymn 316

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Please stand, if you are able.

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!

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What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior;
'Tis I deserve Thy place.
Look on me with Thy favor;
Assist me with Thy grace.

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What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

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We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 195

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 195 What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

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Answer

A. In the sixth petition, (which is “and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”), we also acknowledge that we are of ourselves unable and unwilling to resist them, to recover out of them, and to improve them, and worthy to be left under the power of them: we pray that God would so overrule the world and all in it, subdue the flesh,

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Answer

and restrain Satan, order all things, bestow and bless all means of grace, and quicken us to watchfulness in the use of them, that we and all His people may by His providence be kept from being tempted to sin; or if tempted, that by His Spirit we may be powerfully supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation; or when fallen, raised again and

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Answer

recovered out of it, and have a sanctified use and improvement thereof: that our sanctification and salvation may be perfected, Satan trodden under our feet, and we fully freed from sin, temptation, and all evil forever.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 44:14-26

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

Prayer

(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 Peter 1:1-12

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Psalm 119

“O Lord, Your Ways Are Wonderful”

Please stand, if you are able.

O Lord, Your ways are wonderful;
I keep them in my soul.
Your word, unfolding, gives me light
And makes the simple whole.

O Lord, I thirst for Your commands;
I long for all Your ways.
As with all those who love Your name,
Turn to me by Your grace.

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Establish my steps in Your word
And mend my every flaw.
Deliver me from evil men,
That I may keep Your law.

And as You teach me Your commands,
Let Your face shine on me.
My tearful eyes cry out for those
Who cast off Your decree.

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

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 13:1-11

Sermon

“God’s Possession – Be Useful”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Sing

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Please stand, if you are able.

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

The Blessing of God's People

Now to Him, Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 1:24-25

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”