

# PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision”*

*(Continue)*

Nowhere can rival the city of God,  
loveliest, holiest place in His sight:  
there as on mountains of splendor it stands;  
there are His people, His lasting delight.

Once we were strangers, but now we draw near,  
summoned to faith from the ends of the earth;  
now in the city of God we belong:  
He has declared it the place of our birth.

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Now we are citizens, children and heirs;  
now in His presence our hearts are at home;  
our names are even recorded in heaven—  
Lord, with the music of worship, we come!

*(End)*

Let us stand 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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The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity. You destroy those who speak falsehood; the LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

**But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house; at Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You. O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes; make Your way straight before me.**

*(Continue)*

There is nothing reliable in what they say; their inward part is destruction itself. Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. Hold them guilty, O God; by their own devices let them fall! In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out, for they are rebellious against You.

**But let all who take refuge in You be glad, let them ever sing for joy; and may You shelter them, that those who love Your Name may exult in You. For it is You who bless the righteous man, O LORD; You surround him with favor as with a shield.**

Psalm 5:5-12

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# Opening Prayer

*(Prayer by Pastor)*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Psalm 98*

*“Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*



Come, let us sing unto the Lord  
new songs of praise with sweet accord;  
for wonders great by Him are done;  
His hand and arm have victory won.

The great salvation of our God  
is seen through all the earth abroad;  
before the heathen's wondrous sight,  
He hath revealed His truth and right.

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He called to mind His truth and grace  
in promise made to Israel's race;  
and unto earth's remotest bound,  
glad tidings of salvation sound.

For, lo, He comes; at His command  
all nations shall in judgment stand;  
in justice robed and throned in light,  
the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

*(End)*

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

# God's Commandments

*Exodus 20:1-17*

**We Pray and Confess Our Sin**  
*(Pray In Unison)*

**Almighty God, You know our inner being, our deepest feelings, struggles, and sins. You know that we struggle with malice, evil desires, envy, deceit, and slander. There are times when we control our hearts, yet we rehearse the sins and weaknesses of others, as we try to justify our sins and make ourselves feel better. At times we cause others to sin,**

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**instead of praying and supporting them. Father, forgive us for the many sins that we commit everyday. We cast ourselves on Your mercy and thank You for the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from all sin, and for the obedience of Christ, which replaces our record of rebellion with the glory of His perfect holiness. In Jesus Name, Amen.**

*(End)*

# God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7



**Sing**

*“Before the Throne of God Above”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest Whose Name is Love  
Whoever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

*(Continue)*

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

*(Continue)*

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

*(End)*

# **We Profess Our Faith**

*Extracts from the Westminster Catechism of Faith*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

*What do we believe about the Word of God?  
(Chapter 1)*

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## **Answer**

**Although the light of nature and the works of creation and providence show the goodness, wisdom, and power of God so much as to leave people inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and His will which is necessary for salvation. Therefore, it pleased the Lord, at various times and in diverse ways, to reveal Himself and to declare His will to His church.**

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# **Answer**

**Afterwards, in order to better preserve and propagate the truth, and to more surely establish and protect the Church against the corruption of the flesh, the malice of Satan, and the malice of the world, it pleased the Lord to commit this wholly into writing, which makes the Holy Scripture most necessary, those former ways of God's revealing his will to His people now being ceased.**

*(End)*



# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Psalm 45*

# **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 1:13-25*

# **Pastoral Prayer**

*(Led by Pastor)*

# Hymn 434 (1,2,4)

*“Revive Us Again”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

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.

*(Continue)*



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

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Revive us again.

*(Continue)*

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

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Hallelujah! Amen!

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!

Revive us again.

*(End)*

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

# Scripture Reading

*Romans 1:1-21 (16)*

# **Sermon**

*“Not Ashamed of The Gospel (2)”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

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

*Prayer*

# Hymn 342

*“Rock of Ages”*

*Please stand, if you are able.*

Rock of Ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in Thee  
Let the water and the blood  
From thy wounded side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure  
Save from wrath and make me pure

*(Continue)*



Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy laws demands  
Could my zeal no respite know  
Could my tears forever flow  
All for sin could not atone  
Thou must save and thou alone

*(Continue)*

Nothing in my hand I bring  
Simply to the cross I cling  
Naked come to thee for dress  
Helpless look to thee for grace  
Foul I to the fountain fly  
Wash me Savior or I die

*(Continue)*

While I draw this fleeting breath  
When mine eyes shall close in death  
When I soar to worlds unknown  
See thee on thy judgment throne  
Rock of Ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in Thee

*(End)*

# THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

## 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!*”