

*Let us prepare to worship the living God*

**Prelude**

**THE LORD BRINGS US  
INTO HIS PRESENCE**

**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**

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Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; Sing  
praises to our God on the lyre,  
Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who  
provides rain for the earth,  
Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

**A He gives to the beast its food, and to the  
young ravens which cry.**

**He does not delight in the strength of the  
horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs  
of a man. The Lord favors those who fear  
Him, those who wait for His  
lovingkindness. Praise the Lord, O  
Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!**

A For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you.

**He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat. He sends forth His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly.**

*Psalm 147:7-15*



# Opening Prayer



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# Hymn of Praise #249

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

**O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to  
Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him,  
born the King of angels.**

A

*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us  
adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

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**God from true God, and Light from Light  
eternal,  
born of a virgin, to earth He comes!  
Only-begotten  
Son of God the Father: *[Refrain]***

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*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us  
adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

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**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:  
*[Refrain]***

A

*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us  
adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*



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**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy  
morning;**

**Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:**

***[Refrain]***

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*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us  
adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

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

**Scripture Reading**  
*Exodus 20*

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



**Our Father in heaven, our society is falling apart because it defies the fifth commandment. Many don't want to bow the knee before You, the living God. Thus, we see more rebellion against authority. And those who need to follow want to lead. That is why Solomon wrote,**

**“I have seen slaves riding on horses and  
princes walking like slaves on the land.”**

**Children don't want to obey their parents and  
citizens do the same and even try to rid the  
country of those who work hard and put their  
lives in danger to keep the order.**

**A Even in our own homes, we do not always regard others higher than ourselves. So often we are hesitant to use the God-given authority we have. That is even true in the church. Lord, forgive us. Lead us to repentance that we will repent.**

**A Help us to continue to acknowledge Your authority over us. Let those in positions of authority never misuse it, but always remember that all authority comes from You. Restore the order in our lives, our homes, and our country.**

**We pray in Jesus Name. Amen.**



# God's Assurance to His Repentant People

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.<sup>9</sup> He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever.<sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.<sup>12</sup>

As far as the east is from the west, so far has  
He removed our transgressions from us.<sup>13</sup> Just  
as a father has compassion on his children, so  
the Lord has compassion on those who fear  
Him.

Hymn

*“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”*

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast  
beyond all measure,**

**that He should give His only Son to make a  
wretch His treasure;**

**How great the pain of searing loss, the Father  
turns His face away**

**as wounds which mar the Chosen One, brings  
many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon  
His shoulders;**

**Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out  
among the scoffers**

**It was my sin that held Him there, until it was  
accomplished;**

**His dying breath has brought me life know  
that it is finished.**

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**I will not boast in anything, no gifts no  
pow'r no wisdom;**

**But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death  
and resurrection**

**Why should I gain from His reward I  
cannot give an answer;**

**But this I know with all my heart His  
wounds have paid my ransom**

**We Profess Our Faith**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism*

*(Providence - Questions 11 to 12)*

# Q. 11. What are God's works of providence?

God's works of providence are His most holy,<sup>[a]</sup> wise,<sup>[b]</sup> and powerful preservation<sup>[d]</sup> and control<sup>[e]</sup> of all His creatures, and all their actions.<sup>[f]</sup>

*[a] Psa 145:17; [b] Psa 104:24; [c] Heb 1:3; [d] Neh 9:6;  
[e] Eph 1:19-22; [f] Psa 36:6; Pro 16:33; Mat 10:30*



**Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state in which he was created?**

When God had created man, He entered into a covenant of life with him, on condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil on penalty of death. [a]. Gen 2:16-17; Jas 2:10

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Proverbs 21:21-31*

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

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

*“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me!”  
But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In  
tithes and offerings.  
(Malachi 3:8)*

## **Psalm 92**

*“It Is Good to Sing Your Praises”  
(Melody: “Brethren, We Are Met to  
Worship”)*

**A**  
**It is good to sing Your praises and to thank  
You, O Most High,  
showing forth Your lovingkindness when  
the morning lights the sky.**

**It is good when night is falling of Your  
faithfulness to tell,  
while with sweet, melodious praises, songs  
of adoration swell.**

**A You have filled our hearts with gladness at  
the works Your hands have wrought;  
You have made our lives victorious; great  
Your works and deep Your thoughts.  
You, O Lord, on high exalted, reign  
forevermore in might;  
all Your enemies shall perish, sin be  
banished from Your sight.**

**But the good shall live before You, planted  
in Your dwelling place,  
fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished  
by Your boundless grace.**

**In His goodness to the righteous, God His  
righteousness displays;  
God our Rock, our Strength and Refuge,  
just and true are all Your ways!**



**Prayer for God's Provision**



# **The Doxology**

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## **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 Scripture Reading**  
*Hebrews 6:9-20*

# Pastoral Prayer

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

# Scripture Reading

*John 1:1-18 (v. 9,10)*

# Sermon

*“Know and Celebrate the Real Jesus (1)”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

Prayer



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## Hymn

*“Come, Let Us Sing unto The Lord”*

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**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 vict'ry won.**

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**The great salvation of our God is seen  
through all the earth abroad;  
before the heathen's wond'ring sight He has  
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.**

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**All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing  
praise to Him, with shouts rejoice;  
with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all  
unite and praise His Name.**

**THE LORD SENDS US OUT**

# 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.

Amen.

*Revelation 1:4-5*

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!