

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, who is our Mediator through Whom we come to worship the living God?

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He is the One of Whom was said, “You shall call His Name Jesus, for it is He Who will save His people from their sins. He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature and upholds all things by the Word of His power. When He made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High.”

Matthew 1:18

Hebrews 1:3

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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

(In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Almighty God and our Father, You are the God of our salvation. We adore and worship You as one Being, one God in three distinct Persons. We praise You for saving sinners like us to know You and for bringing us into Your kingdom. O Father, You have loved us in eternity, and You sent Your beloved Son to redeem us. You sent Him to this earth to assume our nature and shed His own blood to wash away our sins and be our perfect righteousness to

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cover our iniquities. You sent Your Holy Spirit to live in us after He awakened us into a new life and continues to apply the salvation of Christ to us day after day. We worship You today for Who You are. We praise You because there is no comfort in anything apart from enjoying You. Bless us this morning when we appear in Your holy presence. Let us worship You with godly fear, amazed by Your majesty and glory, and encouraged by Your love. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

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Hymn 270

“Joy to the World”

Please stand, if you are able.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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No more let sin and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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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
(Led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.
The LORD, the LORD Himself, is my strength and my
defense; He has become my salvation. With joy you will
draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12:2-3

Hymn 480

“Only Trust Him”

Please stand, if you are able.

Come every soul by sin oppressed -
There's mercy with the Lord,
And He will surely give you rest
By trusting in His Word.

Refrain:

Only trust Him; only trust Him.

Only trust Him now.

He will save you; He will save you.

He will save you now.

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For Jesus shed His precious blood
Rich blessings to bestow;
Plunge now into the crimson flood
That washes white as snow.

Refrain:

Only trust Him; only trust Him.

Only trust Him now.

He will save you; He will save you.

He will save you now.

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Yes, Jesus is the Truth, the Way,
That leads you into rest;
Believe in Him without delay
And you are fully blest.

Refrain:

Only trust Him; only trust Him.

Only trust Him now.

He will save you; He will save you.

He will save you now.

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We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 36

Please stand, if you are able.

*Q. 36. Who is the Mediator of the covenant of
grace?*

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Answer

A. The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.

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Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-5

Micah 5:1-5

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

*John 1:1-5, 14;
6:35-40*

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Hymn 249

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Please stand, if you are able.

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

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
in the highest

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, You are Emanuel
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!

Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-45; Galatians 4:19

Sermon

“Christ Formed in You”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Hymn 300

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Please stand, if you are able.

All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

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The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.

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To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

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THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

The Blessing of God's People

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, Who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”