

# *Preparation to Worship*

- *The bullet points indicate when to stand if you are able.*

# Prelude

*Jim and Diane Jordan*

**GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE  
TO WORSHIP HIM**

Let us rise as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, calls us now into His presence to  
worship Him as His church. 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*

# Call to Worship

*Please stand, if you are able*

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done  
marvelous things!

**His right hand and His holy arm have worked  
salvation for Him. The Lord has made known  
his salvation; He has revealed His  
righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered His steadfast love and  
faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation  
of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity. *Psalm 98:1-4,9***

- **Opening Prayer**  
*(Led by Pastor)*

*Please stand, if you're able*



- Hymn 270

*“Joy To The World”*

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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

# God's Commandments

*Exodus 20:1-17*

**We Pray and Confess Our Sin**  
*(Prayer 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 277

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"**

**Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Refrain:**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,**

**"Glory to the newborn King."**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored;**

**Christ, the everlasting Lord!**

**Late in time behold Him come,**

**Offspring of the Virgin's womb;**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;**

**Hail th'incarnate Deity,**

**Pleased as man with men to dwell,**

**Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]**

**Refrain:**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,**

**"Glory to the newborn King."**

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!**

**Hail, the Son of Righteousness!**

**Light and life to all He brings,**

**Ris'n with healing in His wings.**

**Mild He lays His glory by,**

**Born that men no more may die,**

**Born to raise the sons of earth,**

**Born to give them second birth. [Refrain]**

**Refrain:**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,**

**"Glory to the newborn King."**



- **We Profess Our Faith**

*Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q. 78. From what arises the imperfection of sanctification in believers?

**A. The imperfection of sanctification in believers arises from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lusting of the flesh against the spirit; whereby they are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins, are hindered in all their spiritual services, and their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.**

*Rom. 7:18, 23; Mark 14:66-72; Gal. 2:11-12; Heb. 12:1; Isa. 64:6; Ex. 28:38.*

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Micah 5:2*

*Psalms 22:1, 7-8, 16-18*

*Parents of Children in PreK—1st Grade  
have the option to take their children to  
Children's Church*

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

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first-fruits 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 for God's Provision**

*Ruling Elder*



● **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**

*Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 27:35-39, 46; John 7:42*

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**Pastoral Prayer**

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- **Sing**

*“Speak, O Lord!”*

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory**

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

# Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 9:1-6*



# Sermon

*“How Excellent the One Who Was Born”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

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

Prayer

- Hymn 300

*“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT**



- **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*

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!