

Let us prepare ourselves for worship

**Prelude**

# **THE LORD CALLS US**

Let us rise to worship the Triune God, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and declare  
in the words of Psalm 124:8

**People:**

**“Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Who  
made heaven and earth,”**

**Amen!**

# Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a  
joyful noise to the Rock of our  
Salvation!

**PEOPLE:**

**Let us come into His presence with  
thanksgiving;**

**Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs  
and praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King  
above all gods.

**PEOPLE:**

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us  
kneel before the Lord our Maker! For He is  
our God, and we are the people of His  
pasture, and the sheep of His hand!**

*Psalm 95:1, 2, 6, 7*





# Opening Prayer



# Hymn of Praise

*Psalm 33 (Melody: I Sing the Mighty Power of God)*

**Rejoice, you righteous, in the Lord,  
and sing a hymn of praise!**

**Make music now with heart and voice,  
a skillful song now raise!**

**For true and faithful are His works,  
and all His words are right! All righteousness  
Jehovah loves, in justice takes delight.**

**The heav'ns were made by His command, the  
stars with but a word.**

**The sea He gathers in His hand—its depths  
by Him are stored.**

**God spoke, and all the earth was made! All  
people, fear the Lord!**

**O stand, all earth, in awe of Him, and tremble  
at His word!**

**The nations of the earth may plan, but men's  
designs shall fail.**

**The Lord shall foil all schemes of man; no  
sinful thoughts prevail.**

**The counsels of the Lord shall stand; they are  
forever sure.**

**The plans of Yahweh's heart are firm; His  
chosen ones, secure.**

**From heav'n above the Lord looks down on  
all the sons of men;**

**The small, and men of great renown, He  
watches from His throne.**

**In sov'reign providence He moves and  
fashions all their hearts;**

**Considers all their works, and then to each  
his own imparts.**

**An army cannot save a king, nor rescue from  
the grave.**

**No mighty horse can safety bring—God's  
hand alone can save!**

**Our souls wait only for the Lord, our Helper  
and our Shield.**

**In Him alone we find our joy; to none but  
Him we yield.**

# THE LORD CONVICTS US OF OUR SIN

Scripture reading

Exodus 20:1-17

**We Confess Our Sin**



**We lay our sins on Jesus, the spotless Lam of  
God:**

**He bears them all and frees us from the  
accursed load;**

**We bring our guilt to Jesus, to wash our  
crimson stains,**

**White in His blood most precious, 'til not a  
spot remains.**

**Forgive us for His sake, Lord; Convict us by  
Your Spirit;  
Create in us the image of Jesus Christ; Let us  
who are conformed  
to His death, know Him, and the power of His  
resurrection.**

**In His Name we pray. Amen**

**God Assures to His People**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-6

# Hymn

*“Hallelujah, What A Savior” #311*

“Man of Sorrows!” what a Name for the Son of  
God Who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a  
Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place  
condemned He stood-  
Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah,  
what a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we, spotless Lamb of  
God was He;  
Full atonement can it be? Hallelujah, what a  
Savior!



Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished,” was  
His cry;

Now in heav’n exalted high; Hallelujah, what a  
Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His  
ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah,  
what a Savior!

# **Professing our Faith**

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

**Q. 14. What is sin?**

**A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.**

*1 John 3:4.*

Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

**A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.**

**Gen. 3:6, 12.**

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

**The covenant, being made with Adam, not  
only for himself, but for  
his posterity; all mankind,  
descending from him by ordinary gene-  
ration, sinned in him, and fell with  
him in his first transgression.**

*Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:21-22.*



# **Old Testament reading**

Proverbs 12:1-14

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

# **We worship God with our Tithes and Offerings**

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

*“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 bring  
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. I know  
that it is finished.

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.

**Prayer for God's Provision**



**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.**

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**Pastoral Prayer**





# THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture reading

*Mark 4:26-29*



**Sermon**

**“How God’s Kingdom Grows”**

**Pastor Theo van Blerk**



# THE LORD SENDS US OUT

*“Jesus Shall Reign” #375*

**Jesus shall reign wherever the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head,  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.**



**People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name.**

**Let every creature rise and bring  
His grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud “Amen!”**

**The Blessing to God's People**



**May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and  
our God and Father, Who loved us and by  
His grace gave us eternal encouragement  
and good hope, encourage your hearts,  
and strengthen you in every good deed  
and word. Amen.**

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

Christ Is Risen!