

Let us prepare ourselves for worship

Prelude

Solo: Beverly Murdock

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Based on Psalm 8

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

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His
Name;
bring an offering, and come into His
courts!**

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before Him, all the earth!

**Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never
be moved;**

He will judge the peoples with equity."

Psalm 96:7-10

Opening Prayer
(corporately)



**How lovely are Your dwelling places,
O LORD of hosts!**

**Our souls longed and even yearned for
Your presence;**

**Our hearts and flesh sing for joy to You,
the living God.**

**Just like a bird that finds a house and a
swallow a nest for herself where she may
lay her young,**

**so do we find comfort in Your presence
Our King and our God!**

**How blessed are we to dwell in Your
presence;**

We are ever praising You!

**For You are a sun and a shield, LORD
You give grace and glory to Your people;**

**And withhold no good thing from those who
walk uprightly.**

**Accept our worship for the sake of Your own
beloved Son, Who is seated at Your right
hand and intercedes for us, Your church.**

We pray in His blessed Name.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him” #82

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;

**Praise Him, angels, in the height,
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;**

Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He has spoken;

Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.

Laws which never shall be broken

For their guidance He has made.

**Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail.
God has made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim.
Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His Name.**

**Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee.**

**Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.**

**All the saints in heav'n adore Thee,
We would bow before Thy throne.**

**As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.**

THE LORD CONVICTS US OF OUR SIN

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Focus on Third Commandment

We Confess Our Sin

God's Assurance of His People

**He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground. He had no
beauty or majesty to attract us to Him,
nothing in His appearance that we should
desire Him. He was despised and rejected by
men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with
suffering. Like One from whom men hide
their faces He was despised, and we esteemed
Him not.**

**Surely He took up our infirmities and carried
our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken
by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But
He was pierced for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities; the
punishment that brought us peace was upon
Him, and by His wounds we are healed.**

Isaiah 53:1-5

Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” #591

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine
own way!**

**Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own
way!**

**Search me and try me, Master, today.
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own
way!**

Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.

Power - all power - surely is Thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own
way!**

**Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always living in me!**

Professing our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 24. How does Christ execute the
office of a prophet?**

**A. Christ executes the office of a prophet,
in revealing to us, by His Word
and Spirit, the will of God for our
salvation.**

*John 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; John 15:15;
John 20:31.*

Q. 25. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Heb. 9:14, 28; Heb. 2:17; Heb. 7:24-25.

**Q. 26 How does Christ execute the office
of a king?**

**A. Christ executes the office of a king, in
subduing us to Himself,
in ruling and defending us,
and in restraining and conquering all His
and our enemies.**

*Acts 15:14-16; Isa. 33:22; Isa. 32:1-2; 1 Cor.
15:25.*

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 12:15-28

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

We worship God with our Tithes and Offerings

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” ~ Malachi 3:10

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #630

**What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins
and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry everything to God
in prayer!**

**O what peace we often forfeit, O what
needless pain we bear,**

**All because we do not carry everything to
God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there
trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged; take it to
the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all
our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to
the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with
a load of care?**

**Precious Savior, still our Refuge; take it to the
Lord in prayer.**

**Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it
to the Lord in prayer.**

**In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou
wilt find a solace there.**

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

*Exodus 28:15-29; Hebrews 2:14-18;
1 John 2:1*

Sermon

**“Jesus Ascended into Heaven and Is There
for our Benefit”**

Pastor Theo van Blerk

THE LORD SENDS US OUT

Psalm 68

“O Lord, You Have Ascended”

Tune: “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

**O Lord, You have ascended on high in might
to reign;
Captivity You lead as a captive in Your train.
Rich gifts to You are offered by those who
once rebelled,
Who pray that now Jehovah, their God, with
them may dwell.**

**Blest be the Lord Who daily our heavy
burden bears,
The God of our salvation, Who for His
people cares.
Our God is near to help us, our God is
strong to save;
The Lord alone is able to ransom from
the grave.**

**Sing unto God, all nations, all kingdoms of
the earth;**

**Sing unto God, all people, and praise His
matchless worth.**

**He rides in royal triumph upon the skies
abroad;**

**He speaks—the mountains tremble before
the voice of God.**

**All glory, might, and honor ascribe to God
on high;**

**His arm protects His people who on His
arm rely.**

**Forth from Your holy dwelling You send
Your mighty voice;**

**You strengthen those who fear You; who
in Your works rejoice!**

The Blessing to God's People



Now may the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with every good thing to do His will. And may He accomplish in us what is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Christ Is Risen!