

Let us prepare to worship the living God

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 123:2,

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**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.**

Call to Worship

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David.

**Seek the Lord while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near; let the
wicked forsake his way, and the
unrighteous man his thoughts; let him
return to the Lord, that He may have
compassion on him, and to our God, for
He will abundantly pardon.**

For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways My ways," declares
the Lord.

**"For as the heavens are higher than the
earth, so are My ways higher than your
ways and My thoughts than your
thoughts. For as the rain and the snow
come down from heaven and do not
return there but water the earth,**

...making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-11

Opening Prayer (in unison)



Our Father in heaven,

We come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ and praise You for all You have done for us this week! We thank You for Your love, provision and care. But Lord, even if You have not done anything for us, we want to sing Your praises for Who You are.

**You are indeed the one, true living God!
You blessed us by revealing Yourself to us
through the Bible for the purpose of
knowing You, serving You and worshipping
You as it pleases You and not according to
our own fancies.**

And as we draw nearer, fully aware of our own unworthiness and sinfulness; we are also fully aware that You are a holy, just, omnipotent, omniscient, almighty, and eternal God. Would You look upon us this morning with Your heart filled with satisfaction as You gaze upon Jesus, Your own beloved Son, Who is our Righteousness before You.

Would You bless our worship for His sake alone, that every aspect thereof would rise up to You as a wonderful aroma. And may Your Spirit sanctify us in Your truth.

We pray in Jesus Name. Amen

Psalm of Praise #56
“To God Be The Glory”
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**To God be the glory - great things He hath
done!**

**So loved He the world that He gave us His
Son,**

**Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go
in.**

Refrain

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the
earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the
people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father thro' Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He
hath done!*

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of
blood-**

**To every believer, the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon
receives. *(Refrain)***

Refrain

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the
earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the
people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father thro' Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He
hath done!*

Great things He hath taught us; great
things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus, the
Son.

But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus
we see. *(Refrain)*

Refrain

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the
earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the
people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father thro' Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He
hath done!*

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17



We Confess Our Sin
Prayer led by Pastor



God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine. *1 Timothy 1:8-10*

HYMN #539

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of
Calvary, Savior divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray, take all my
guilt away,**

O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

**May Thy rich grace impart strength to my
fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to
Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs
around me spread, be Thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.**

**When ends life's passing dream, when
death's cold, threatening stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust
remove;
O lift me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

Professing our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 98. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the Name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.

Ps. 62:8; 1 John 5:14; John 16:23; Ps. 32:5-6; Dan. 9:4; Phil. 4:6.

Q. 99. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer, but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught His disciples, commonly called, The Lord's Prayer.

1 John 5:14; Matt. 6:9-13 with Luke 11:2-4.

Q. 100. What does the preface of the
Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, "Our Father which art in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

Matt. 6:9; Rom. 8:15; Luke 11:13; Acts 12:5; 1 Tim. 2:1-2.

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 130

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

We worship God with our Tithes and Offerings

*“The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance
and of my cup: You maintain my lot. The lines
are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have
a goodly heritage.” ~ Psalm 16:5, 6*

Hymn #640

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,

That calls me from a world of care,

And bids me at my Father's throne

Make all my wants and wishes known:

In seasons of distress and grief

My soul has often found relief

And oft escaped the tempter's snare

By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,

Thy wings shall my petition bear

To Him Whose truth and faithfulness

Engage the waiting soul to bless:

And since He bids me seek His face,

Believe His Word and trust His grace,

I'll cast on Him my every care,

And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

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

Luke 11:1-13 & Luke 18:1-8

Sermon

*“Children of the Kingdom of Heaven
Pray Persistently”*

Pastor Theo van Blerk

Prayer

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THE LORD SENDS US OUT

Psalm 116

*“I Love the LORD because He Hears My Voice”
(Tune: “Abide with Me”)*

**I love the Lord because He hears my voice;
He has inclined His ear to hear my cry.
On Him I'll call as long as I shall live;
When death and sorrow overwhelm my life.**

**I call His Name: “O Lord, come save my
life!”**

**Gracious and righteous, He alone consoles.
Helpless was I; He saved me from my strife.
For He is good, come to your rest, my soul.**

**You, Lord, have saved my wretched soul
from death;**

**You wiped away the tears that stained my
eyes.**

**You kept my feet from stumbling on the
ground;**

So shall I walk before You all my life.

**My heart believed, though my affliction
great.**

**“All men deceive!” I said in my dismay.
How to repay what God has done for me?
Lift up His cup, and call upon His Name.**

**I will fulfill my vows unto the Lord;
Before His people I shall make it plain.
Precious the death of godly saints to Him.
Lord, You have loosed Your servant from his
chains.**

**I offer You a sacrifice of thanks.
Calling Your Name, I give to You my word.
Lord, in Your courts, before Your gathered
saints,
In Your great city, I will praise the Lord!**

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!