

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,



**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

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name;

**Bring an offering and come before Him!**

**Worship the Lord in the splendor of  
holiness;**

Tremble before Him, all the earth;  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never  
be moved.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth  
rejoice,

And let them say among the nations,  
“The Lord reigns!”

*1 Chronicles 16:29-31*

**Opening Prayer (in unison)**

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**Our Father in heaven,**

**You promised that Your mercies are new  
every morning.**

**What a comfort to us, Your children, who  
desire to come in Your presence.**

**Lord, we are sinful and weak.**

**We need Your love and power.**

**We need Your encouragement and kindness.**

**LORD, You are our light and our  
salvation!**

**You are our stronghold, of whom shall we  
be afraid?**

**We seek Your face now, O Lord. Hide not  
Your face from us.**

**Guide our worship this hour. You make all  
things new.**

**Speak to us, Your people, today.**

**May Your truth touch our intellect and  
heart.**

**We come with our sins, with our  
desires, with our needs.**

**Please accept us for the sake of Jesus.  
Fill Your divine purposes in us today.  
In Jesus' Name we pray.  
Amen.**

# Psalm 96

*“Sing Unto the Lord A New Song”  
(Tune: “Come, Thou Fount of every  
Blessing”*

**Sing unto to the Lord a new song, sing to  
Him, O all the earth**

**Bless the Name of God forever; sing  
salvation's wondrous worth.**

**Tell His glory to the nations; of His  
wonders, anthems raise.**

**He is Lord of all creation, great, and  
greatly to be praised.**

Other gods fade as a vapor; there is none  
beside the Lord.

In His dwelling, strength, and splendor,  
God exalted and adored.

Give Him glory, all ye people; give Him  
glory due His Name.

In His temple, as an off'ring, all His pow'r  
and might proclaim.

**Worship God in holy beauty; bow before  
His throne in fear.**

**Now proclaim among the nations His  
dominion, ever near.**

**By His Word the earth was founded, that  
it never may be moved;**

**In His Word is justice grounded, that He  
righteous may be proved.**

**Let the heavens shout, rejoicing, and the  
earth in joy aflame;**

**Let the sea in thunder praise Him, field  
and forest now acclaim.**

**For the Lord, the Lord is coming; let the  
earth resound again!**

**To His people, He is coming in His  
righteousness to reign!**

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

# Scripture Reading

## *Romans 12:9-21*

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# We Confess Our Sin

*Prayer led by Pastor*



# God's Assurance to His Repentant People

“<sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,<sup>15</sup> but as He Who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,<sup>16</sup> since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’<sup>17</sup> And if you call on Him as Father Who judges impartially according to each one's deeds,

conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

*1 Peter 1:14-19*

# HYMN #312

## *“Calvary Covers It All”*

Far dearer than all that the world can impart  
Was the message that came to my heart;  
How that Jesus alone for my sin did atone,  
And Calvary covers it all.

## Refrain

*Calvary covers it all, my past with its sin and  
stain;*

*My guilt and despair Jesus took on Him there,  
And Calvary covers it all.*

The stripes that He bore and the thorns that  
He wore  
Told His mercy and love evermore;  
And my heart bowed in shame as I called on  
His Name,  
And Calvary covers it all. (*Refrain*)

## Refrain

*Calvary covers it all, my past with its sin and  
stain;*

*My guilt and despair Jesus took on Him there,  
And Calvary covers it all.*

How matchless the grace, when I looked on  
the face

Of this Jesus, my crucified Lord;

My redemption complete I then found at His  
feet,

And Calvary covers it all. *(Refrain)*

## Refrain

*Calvary covers it all, my past with its sin and  
stain;*

*My guilt and despair Jesus took on Him there,  
And Calvary covers it all.*

How blessed the tho't, that my soul, by Him  
bo't,  
Shall be His in the glory on high;  
Where with gladness and song I'll be one of  
the throng,  
And Calvary covers it all. (*Refrain*)

## Refrain

*Calvary covers it all, my past with its sin and  
stain;*

*My guilt and despair Jesus took on Him there,  
And Calvary covers it all.*

# Professing our Faith

*Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q. 179. Are we to pray unto God only?

A. God only being able to search the hearts, hear the requests, pardon the sins, and fulfill the desires of all; and only to be believed in, and worshipped with religious worship; prayer, which is a special part thereof, is to be made by all to Him alone, and to none other.

Q. 180. What is it to pray in the Name of Christ?

A. To pray in the Name of Christ, is, in  
obedience to His command,  
and in confidence on His promises,  
to ask mercy for His sake;  
not by bare mentioning of His Name,  
but by drawing our encouragement to pray,  
and our boldness, strength, and hope of  
acceptance in prayer, from Christ and  
His mediation.

Q. 181. Why are we to pray in the Name of Christ?

**A. The sinfulness of man, and his distance from God by reason thereof, being so great, as that we can have no access into His presence without a mediator; and there being none in heaven or earth appointed to, or fit for, that glorious work but Christ alone, we are to pray in no other Name but the Name of Christ only.**

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

## *Psalm 88*

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

# We worship God with our Tithes and Offerings

*“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.”*

*1 Corinthians 4:2*

# Hymn #634

## *“More Love To Thee”*

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to  
Thee!

Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended  
knee.

This is my earnest plea: more love,  
O Christ, to Thee,

More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and  
rest;

Now Thee alone I seek; give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O  
Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy  
praise;

This be the parting cry my heart shall raise.

This still its prayer shall be: more love, O  
Christ, to Thee,

More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

# 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.



# New Testament Reading

*Luke 17:22-37*



# Pastoral Prayer

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*To conclude with:*

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be Thy Name,**

**Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on  
earth as it is in heaven;**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**And forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors;**

And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil;  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory forever.

Amen.

# THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

## Scripture Reading

*Luke 18:1-8*

# Sermon

*“Children of the Kingdom of Heaven  
Pray Persistently  
and  
Do Not Lose Heart”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

# Prayer

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**THE LORD SENDS US OUT**

# Hymn #636

## *“I Must Tell Jesus”*

I must tell Jesus all of my trials;  
I cannot bear these burdens alone.  
  
In my distress He kindly will help me;  
He ever loves and cares for His own.

## *Refrain*

*I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!*

*I cannot bear my burdens alone;*

*I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!*

*Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles;  
He is a kind, compassionate Friend.

If I but ask Him, He will deliver,  
Make of my troubles quickly an end.

*(Refrain)*

## *Refrain*

*I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!*

*I cannot bear my burdens alone;*

*I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!*

*Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

**O how the world to evil allures me!**

**O how my heart is tempted to sin!**

**I must tell Jesus, and He will help me**

**Over the world the vict'ry to win. (*Refrain*)**

## *Refrain*

*I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!*

*I cannot bear my burdens alone;*

*I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!*

*Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

# The Blessing to God's People

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**“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.”**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

Christ Is Risen!