

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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

**GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO
WORSHIP HIM**

Let us stand as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now calls His Church into His presence to worship Him. I ask you this morning:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, how is it possible for us to enter now into the presence of the Almighty God?

(Continue)

We have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and we have a great Priest over the house of God. Thus, we are to draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.

Hebrews 10:19b,20, 21, 22a

(End)

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless His Name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

(Continue)

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods; For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. 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!

(End)

Opening Prayer

(In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Our Father in heaven, We come to You this morning knowing it is only because of the merits of Jesus Christ and His perfect righteousness that we may come into Your presence to worship You. Give us this morning a clear sense of Who You are in all of Your splendor and majesty (Exodus 15:6-7).

(Continue)

Because we want to worship You Lord in the splendor of Your holiness. We praise You because You are mighty, powerful, loving, kind. You are majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders (Exodus 15:11, 13). Help us to rise up as a worshipping bride.

(Continue)

Help us to know deep in our hearts that You listen to our prayers. Would You break through the dry, hard areas of our church life (Ezekiel 37:1-10). Teach us to align ourselves with Your greatness and give us more and more a Biblical way of looking at life. In Jesus Name. Amen

(End)

Psalm 96

“Sing Unto the Lord a New Song”

Please stand, if you are able.

Sing unto 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.

(Continue)

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.

(Continue)

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.

(Continue)

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!

(End)

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

God's Commandments

Exodus 20.1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Jeremiah 33:8, 11a

I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against Me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against Me. “Give thanks to the LORD Almighty, for the LORD is good; His love endures forever.”

Song

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Please stand, if you are able.

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

(Continue)

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

(Continue)

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

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 178 What is prayer?

(Continue)

Answer

Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.

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Q. 179 Are we to pray unto God only?

(Continue)

Answer

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 worshiped with religious worship; prayer, which is a special part thereof, is to be made by all to Him alone, and to none other.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 35:14-28

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

Collecting of Tithes and Offerings

Conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

1 Peter 1:18-19

Prayer for God's Provision

(Led by Ruling Elder)

The Doxology

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.

Please stand, if you are able.

New Testament Scripture Reading

I Timothy 1:12-20

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 451

“A Christian Home”

Please stand, if you are able.

O give us homes built firm upon the Savior
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide
Where ev'ry child is taught His love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ the Crucified
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side

(Continue)

O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers
Who always place their hope and trust in Him
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim
A home where each finds joy in serving others
And love still shines tho' days be dark and grim

(Continue)

O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung
Where pray'r comes first in peace or in disaster
And praise is natural speech to ev'ry tongue
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster
And Christ sufficient is for old and young

(End)

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 10:21-29

Sermon

“God Strikes with the Deadliest Plague”

Pastor Theo

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

Prayer

(Led by Pastor Theo)

Psalm 435

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Please stand, if you are able.

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy pow'r.
Crown Thine ancient Church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

(Continue)

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

(Continue)

Cure Thy children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

(Continue)

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

Please stand, if you are able.

The Blessing of God's People

Hebrews 13:20-21

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

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”