

*Let us prepare ourselves for worship*

# Prelude

**GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AND CALLS  
HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP HIM**

- Let us rise as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, calls us to worship Him!

- **Call to Worship**

As we are gathered this morning as God's people  
let us openly declare:

**Our help is in the Name of the LORD Who  
made heaven and earth. The Lord  
is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My  
shield and the horn of my salvation, my  
stronghold.**

I call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

**For You save an afflicted people, but haughty  
eyes You abase. For You light my lamp; The  
Lord my God illumines my darkness. For by  
You I can run upon a troop; And by my God I  
can leap over a wall.**

As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the Lord is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

**The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock; And exalted be the God of my salvation. Therefore, I will give thanks to Thee among the nations, O LORD, And I will sing praises to Thy Name.**

*Psalm 124:8*



*Psalm 18*  
*(Selected verses)*

- **Opening Prayer**  
*(Led by Pastor)*

• **Psalm 33**

*“Rejoice, Ye Righteous in the LORD”*

**Rejoice, ye 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.**

**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.**

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

**Scripture reading**  
*Exodus 20:1-17*

**We Confess Our Sin**  
(In Unison)



**Our Father in heaven,  
Your law causes us to acknowledge and confess  
our many sins and rebellion before You. The  
wicked desires in our hearts we cannot hide from  
You. You see our inner being. You see and hear  
our sinful words and thoughts. You know our  
hearts that are still filled with love for the world.  
You know of our minds that are dark and filled  
with doubt and uncertainties. You know our  
wills are so often filled with selfishness. Would  
You forgive us Lord for Jesus' sake? Would You  
give us the assurance of Your forgiveness? And  
continue to grant us an increase of the grace of  
Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.**

# God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Who is a God like You, Who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love.

He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

*Micah 7:18-19*

**Hymn #581**

*“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."**

**Refrain:**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!**

**How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!**

**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!**

**O for grace to trust Him more!**

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**O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust His cleansing blood,  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing cleansing flood!**

***[Refrain]***

**Refrain:**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!**

**How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!**

**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!**

**O for grace to trust Him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease,  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.**

***[Refrain]***



**Refrain:**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!**

**How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!**

**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!**

**O for grace to trust Him more!**

A

**I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me,  
Will be with me to the end.**

***[Refrain]***

**Refrain:**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!**

**How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!**

**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!**

**O for grace to trust Him more!**

**We Profess Our Faith**

*Westminster Larger Catechism*

**The Lord's Supper**

**Q. 171. How do we prepare to receive the  
Lord's supper?**

**A. Preparation for the Lord's supper involves careful examination:<sup>1</sup> of the condition of our life in Christ;<sup>2</sup> of our sins and failings;<sup>3</sup> of whether we truly and to what degree know God,<sup>4</sup> believe in Him,<sup>5</sup> and have repented,<sup>6</sup> and of whether we love God and our fellow believers.<sup>7</sup> We should have a charitable attitude toward everyone,<sup>8</sup> including forgiveness of those**

**A** who have wronged us.<sup>9</sup> We must also assess how much we desire Christ<sup>10</sup> and whether we are living in newness of obedience.<sup>11</sup> Finally we must renew the practice of these graces in us<sup>12</sup> by serious meditation<sup>13</sup> and fervent prayer.<sup>14</sup>

*1. 1 Cor 11.28; 2. 2 Cor 13.5; 3. 1 Cor 5.7, Ex 12.15; 4. 1 Cor 11.29; 5. 2 Cor 13.5, Mt 26.28; 6. Zec 12.10, 1 Cor 11.31; 7. 1 Cor 10.16-17, Acts 2.46-47; 8. 1 Cor 5.8, 11.18,20; 9. Mt 5.23-24; 10. Is 55.1, Jn 7.37, Lk 1.53; 11. 1 Cor 5.7-8; 12. 1 Cor 11.25-26, 28, Heb 10.21-22,24, Ps 26.6; 13. 1 Cor 11.24-25; 14. 2 Chr 30.18-19, Mt 26.26.*

**Q. 175. What should we do after we have received the Lord's supper?**



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**A. After receiving the Lord's supper, we should think about our participation in the sacrament and what we got out of it.<sup>1</sup> If we have been spiritually renewed and comforted in that participation, we should bless God for it,<sup>2</sup> pray for the effect to continue,<sup>3</sup> watch out for relapses,<sup>4</sup> fulfill our vows,<sup>5</sup>**

**and be encouraged to take communion frequently.<sup>6</sup> If, on the other hand, we have not received any immediate benefit from our participation, we should more carefully go over how we prepared for and participated in the sacrament.<sup>7</sup> If this review reveals no fault in us before God and our own conscience, then we should wait for the spiritual fruit of participation to come to us in due time.<sup>8</sup>**

**However, if such a review finds us at fault in either preparing for or participating in the sacrament, we must humbly<sup>9</sup> resolve to be more careful and diligent in the future.<sup>10</sup>**

*1. Ps 28.7, 85.8, 1 Cor 11.17, 30-31; 2. 2 Chr 30.21-23, 25-26, Acts 2.42, 46-47, 2 Cor 2.14; 3. Ps 36.10, Sg 3.4, 1 Chr 29.18; 4. 1 Cor 10.3-5, 12, Rom 11.20; 5. Ps 50.14; 6. 1 Cor 11.25-26, Acts 2.42,46, Ps 27.4; 7. Sg 5.1-6, Eccl 5.1-6, Ps 77.6, 139.23-24; 8. Ps 123.1-2, 42.5,8, 43.3-5, Is 8.17; 9. 2 Chr 30.18-19, Hos 14.2, 6.1-2; 10. 2 Cor 7.11, 1 Chr 15.12-14.*

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Proverbs 26:1-12*

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

*(However, parents are welcome to keep their  
children with them)*

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

*Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.*

*Deuteronomy 15:10*

## **Song**

*“O, Shine Upon Us Lord, True Light”*



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**O shine upon us, Lord,  
True Light of men, today,  
and through the written Word  
Your very Self display;  
That so from hearts which burn  
with gazing on Your face,  
Your little ones may learn  
The wonders of Your grace**

**A**

**O breathe upon us, Lord,  
Your Spirit's living flame,  
That so with one accord  
Our lips may tell Your Name;  
O give the hearing ear,  
and fix the wandering thought,  
that those we teach may hear  
the great things You have wrought**

A

**O speak for us, O Lord,  
In all we say of Thee;  
According to Thy Word  
Let all our teaching be;  
That so Your lambs may know  
Their own true Shepherd's voice,  
where'er He leads them go,  
And in His love rejoice.**

**Prayer for God's Provision**



# **The Doxology**

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## **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 Scripture Reading**

*Hebrews 10:26-39*

# **Pastoral Prayer**

*(Led by Pastor)*

*To be Concluded with the Lord's Prayer in Unison*

**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  
THROUGH HIS WORD**

# Scripture Reading

*1 John 3:10-18*

# Sermon

*“Born of God, Do You Love or Hate”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

**PRAYER**

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE LORD'S SUPPER**

# *Fencing of the Table and Guidelines*

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a Christ- and Bible centered congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.*

*If you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend time in prayer and if any sin keeps you from participating, that you will seek God's forgiveness, and repent of these sins.*

*We also ask that children who have not yet professed their faith in Jesus Christ will abstain from joining until they have done so at God's appointed time.*

*At Grace we bring the elements to you. Juice and wine are available, and the bread will be served in a little cup as well for time being. Wine is in pink cups and juice in clear cups.*

*The Words of Institution*

*The Administration of the Lord's Supper*



**Special Offering**

*Reset Dinners on Wednesday*

**Prayer**

# Hymn #450

*“The Power of the Cross”*

**Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood**

## **Chorus 1**

**This the pow'r of the cross**

**Christ became sin for us**

**Took the blame bore the wrath**

**We stand forgiven at the cross**

**Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow  
*[Chorus 1]***

## **Chorus 1**

**This the pow'r of the cross**

**Christ became sin for us**

**Took the blame bore the wrath**

**We stand forgiven at the cross**

**Now the daylight flees now the ground  
beneath**

**Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life  
Finished the vict'ry cry**

***[Chorus 1]***

## **Chorus 1**

**This the pow'r of the cross**

**Christ became sin for us**

**Took the blame bore the wrath**

**We stand forgiven at the cross**



**Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love**

## **Chorus 2**

**This the pow'r of the cross**

**Son of God slain for us**

**What a love what a cost**

**We stand forgiven at the cross**

**THE LORD SENDS US OUT**

# 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.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!