

Let us prepare to worship the living God

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

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.

As we are gathered as His people let us openly
declare:

**Our help is in the Name of the LORD Who
made heaven and earth.**

- **Call to Worship**

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done
marvelous things!

**His right hand and His holy arm have worked
salvation for Him. The Lord has made known
His salvation; He has revealed His
righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

- **Opening Prayer**
(In Unison)

**Almighty and everlasting God, in You alone we
live and move and have our being. You created
us for Yourself and for Your divine purposes.
We praise You that by Your Holy Spirit, You
have called us out of the world, and brought us
unto Yourself. You made us, who were dead in
our sins alive**

**You made us Your people, adopted children of
the living God! We come and worship You by
the way of Christ our Mediator. Without Him
we cannot come. But in Him we come boldly to
Your throne of heavenly grace.**

**O, we praise You, O God, our Redeemer,
Creator, in grateful devotion, our tribute we
bring! We lay it before You, we kneel and
adore You. We bless Your holy Name; glad
praises we sing! We pray in Jesus Name.**

Amen

- Psalm 84

“In Your Presence”

**Lord, I dearly love Your presence
more than words can ever tell;
how I yearn to see the beauty
of the courts in which You dwell.**

**Even sparrows there find refuge;
there the swallow rears her young;
what a joy to have a home there,
where unending praise is sung.**

**Happy are the pilgrim people
pressing on to greater things,
finding water in the wasteland,
making it a place of springs;
on they go with mounting vigor
till they stand before Your throne;
God of Jacob, guard Your servants;
make Your lasting kindness known.**

**In the hearts of all the faithful,
grace and glory are revealed—
lavish gifts You give so freely,
mighty Lord, our Sun and Shield.
Better humble, godly service
than a home where sin holds sway;
better one day in Your presence
than a thousand far away.**

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

The Ten Commandments
Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Prayer led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless His holy Name!**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His
benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all
your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who
satisfies you with good**

**so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The
Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Psalm 103:1-5

• **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!**

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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 transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!**

- **We Profess Our Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 21. Did man continue in that estate wherein God at first created him?

A. Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, through the temptation of Satan, transgressed the commandment of God in eating the forbidden fruit; and thereby fell from the estate of innocency wherein they were created.¹

1. Gen 3:6–8, 13; Eccl 7:29; 2 Cor 11:3.

Q 22. Did all mankind fall in that first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam as a public person, not for himself only, but for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation,¹ sinned in him, and fell with him in that first transgression.²

1. *Acts 17:26*; 2. *Gen 2:16–17*; *Rom 5:12–20*; *1 Cor 15:21–22*.

Q 23. Into what estate did the fall bring
mankind?

A

**A. The fall brought mankind into an estate
of sin and misery.¹**

1. *Rom 5:12; 3:23*

Q 24. What is sin?

A

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, any law of God, given as a rule to the reasonable creature.¹

1. 1 Jn 3:4; Gal 3:10, 12

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Proverbs 27:14-27

*Children in PreK—1st Grade
are dismissed for Children's Church*

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

“There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.”

Proverbs 11:24-25

- **Hymn**

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word we are
gathered
all to hear You; let our hearts and souls be
stirred
now to seek and love and fear You, by
Your teachings
sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love
You solely**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in
deepest
darkness shrouded, till your Spirit breaks
our night
with the beams of truth unclouded.**

You alone to God can win us.

You must work all good with in us.

**Glorious Lord, Yourself impart, Light of
light, from
God proceeding; open now our ears and
heart,
Help us by your Spirit's pleading; hear the
cry Your
people raises, hear, and bless our prayers and
praises.**

**Father, Son and Holy Ghost, praise to You
and adoration**

**Grant that we Your Word may trust and
obtain true consolation,**

**While we here below must wander,
till we sing Your praises yonder.**

- **Prayer for God's Provision**

Ruling Elder



● **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 11:27-40

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

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

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Sermon

“Love and Truth”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

PRAYER

Hymn

“O Church Arise”

**O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are
strong**

**In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded
whole**

**We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He
died**

An inheritance of nations.

**Come see the cross where love and mercy
meet**

As the Son of God is stricken

Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet

For the Conqueror has risen

And as the stone is rolled away

And Christ emerges from the grave

This victory march continues till the day

Every eye and heart shall see Him.

**So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.**

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE 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!