

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 I ask you this morning, Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, from where does your help come?

Our help comes from the LORD Who made heaven and earth. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 121:1-2*
, Psalm 46:1

I love You, O Lord, my strength.

**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. In my distress I
called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help.
From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry
to Him reached His ears.

**For Who is God, but the Lord? And who is a
rock, except our God? –the God Who
equipped me with strength and made my
way blameless. He made my feet like the feet
of a deer and set me secure on the heights.**

Psalm 18: 1-3, 6, 31-33

- Opening Prayer
(In Unison)

Almighty God, our hearts lie open before You. We cannot hide a thing from You. We bow before You because what we are, is by Your grace, and what we have, all belongs to You! We bow before You in awe and adoration because You are the holy, living God. We bless You that, for the sake of Jesus Christ and His merits, You bring us into Your presence.

Thank You that we may enter in and draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith! We pray that by the gracious power of Your Holy Spirit, we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Psalm 18

“I Love You Lord, My Strength”

**I love You, Lord, my strength, my rock,
my fortress and my aid.**

**My refuge and salvation's hope,
to You I long have prayed.**

**Though cords and snares encompassed me,
confronting me with death,
in my distress I called to You,
my life and source of breath.**

**In Your own courts You heard my plea;
my crying reached Your ear.**

**The mountains shook, foundations reeled;
Your anger strikes such fear.**

**You came to me on wings of wind,
with storm and lightning's pow'r.**

You saved me from my enemies;

You give me strength each hour.

Your statutes, Lord, I daily keep;

my actions seek Your will.

In loyalty I walk Your way;

my heart is steadfast still.

You pay the righteous with right things,

yet bring the haughty low.

A perfect shield for all in need,

destruction to Your foe.

For Who is God except the Lord,
my rock, my strength, my stay?
Salvation's shield You give to me;
You widen victory's way.
Blest be Your name, O living God,
the victory You have won.
Your name I will proclaim to all,
O saving, sov'reign One.

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

God's Commandments

Deuteronomy 5:1-21

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

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Who is a God like You, who pardons sin and forgives . . . transgression . . .? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

• Hymn

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

- **We Profess Our Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 53. How was Christ exalted in His ascension?

A. Christ was exalted in His ascension, in that having after His resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with His apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after His resurrection,

He, in our nature and as our Head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where Himself is and shall continue to be till His second coming at the end of the world.

Acts 1:2-3; Matt. 28:19-20; Heb. 6:20; Eph. 4:8; Acts 1:9-11; Eph. 4:10; Ps. 68:18; Col. 3:1-2; John 14:3; Acts 3:21.

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 4

*Parents of Children in PreK—1st Grade
have the option to take their children to
Children's Church*

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7~

● **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.**

- **Prayer for God's Provision**

Ruling Elder



New Testament Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 4:1-8

Pastoral Prayer

Led by Pastor

Hymn

“Speak, O Lord”

**Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory**

**Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for
us**

**Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory**

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

Scripture Reading

2 John

Sermon

“God’s Chosen Lady: Love and Truth”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

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

Prayer

Hymn #399

“We Are God’s People”

**We are God's people, the chosen of the
Lord,**

**Born of His Spirit, established by His
Word;**

Our cornerstone is Christ alone,

And strong in Him we stand:

O let us live transparently

And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

**We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ
our Lord,**

**For we have known it, the love of God
outpoured;**

Now let us learn how to return

The gift of love once given:

O let us share each joy and care,

And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

**We are the Body of which the Lord is
Head,**

**Called to obey Him, now risen from the
dead;**

He wills us be a family,

Diverse yet truly one:

O let us give our gifts to God,

And so shall His work on earth be done.

**We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold
God's grace;**

We die alone, for on its own

Each ember loses fire:

**Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

- **The Blessing of God's People**

Grace, mercy and peace be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love. Amen

2 John 1:3

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed!