

Guide for Home Worship

May 31, 2020

Introduction

(please listen to the introduction before proceeding with the rest of the order of worship)

Opening Prayer

(select someone from your group to open your service in prayer)

Call to Worship - Psalm 103

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

*PEOPLE: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,*

LEADER: Who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

*PEOPLE: Who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,*

LEADER: Who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*PEOPLE: The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.*

LEADER: He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

*PEOPLE: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

LEADER: He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

*PEOPLE: He does not deal with us according to
our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

LEADER: For as high as the heavens are above the
earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those
who fear him;

*PEOPLE: as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

LEADER: As a father shows compassion to his
children, so the Lord shows compassion to those
who fear him.

*PEOPLE: For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.*

LEADER: As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

*PEOPLE: For the wind passes over it, and it is
gone, and its place knows it no more.*

LEADER: But the steadfast love of the Lord is
from everlasting
to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

*ALL: The Lord has established his throne in the
heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.*

Songs and Liturgy (sing as a group and/or sing along to recorded versions)

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

(Matt Redman, Beth Redman)

Blessed be Your name,
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

CHORUS:

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

(CHORUS)

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord,
Blessed be Your name.

(CHORUS)

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RESPONSIVE READING: Luke 12:22-34 (ESV)

LEADER: And Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.

PEOPLE: *For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.*

LEADER: Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.

PEOPLE: *Of how much more value are you than the birds!*

LEADER: And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

PEOPLE: *If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?*

LEADER: Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

PEOPLE: *But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!*

LEADER: And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

PEOPLE: *Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.*

LEADER: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

ALL: *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

BE THOU MY VISION

(Traditional Irish hymn, trans. Mary E. Byrne, versified by Eleanor H. Hull)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Sharing

(as a lead into the Prayer, take some time to share as a group. Below are some suggested questions)

- How do you feel about your financial situation this month? Why do you feel that way?
- What are some of the circumstances, possessions, or concerns that tend to make you more selfish? Which tend to make you more selfless?
- Do you find it easy or difficult to trust God with your daily provision?

Prayer Time

(have an open time of prayer or appoint one or two to pray. Specific prayer requests for this week are listed below.)

- Give thanks for God's ongoing provision for your needs and desires.
- Pray that God would not only provide for your needs, but enable you to help meet the needs of those around you.
- Pray for us as a church, that the love of Christ would be active, in and through us, to our community.

Listen to Sermon

“A Faith that Works in Hope”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

James 2:1-5, 5:1-7 (ESV)

James 2

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

James 5

¹ Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴ Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains

Confession of Faith - adapted from Hebrews 10

PEOPLE: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LEADER: And by the blood of Christ Jesus, God has made a way for us to enter the Most Holy Place, through the curtain of Christ's broken body.

PEOPLE: Therefore, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

And let us consider how to motivate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as we see the day drawing near. Amen.

Sharing Time

(have everyone share one thing that struck them from the sermon)

Song

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

(Steve Cook, Vicki Cook)

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
And hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge:
The Lamb Who is my righteousness,
The Lamb Who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm held by His grace,
My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when He calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

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Benediction - Romans 15:13 (NASB)

(The leader or individual should read this aloud relishing in the confident assertion that Christ has conquered.)

LEADER: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen!