

Guide for Home Worship

July 26, 2020

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:9-10 (NIV)

LEADER: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

CONGREGATION: *Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD have never forsaken those who seek you.*

Songs and Liturgy

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

NAILED TO THE CROSS

(Bryan Fowler, Christopher Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, Jonathan Lindley Smith)

When I stand accused by my regrets
And the Devil roars his empty threats,
I will preach the gospel to myself
That I am not someone condemned,
For Jesus Christ is my defense.

CHORUS:

My sin is nailed to the cross.
My soul is healed by the scars.
The shame and guilt I bear no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

When my doubt and shame hang over me
Like the arrows of the enemy,
I will run again to Calvary;
That rugged hill of Hell's defeat,
My fortress and my victory.
(CHORUS)

BRIDGE:

It is finished, sin is vanquished.
Hallelujah, praise the Lord.
All the glory, all the honor,
To my Savior, Christ the Lord.
(REPEAT)

When I stand before the throne at last,
His blood will plead my innocence.
I will worship Him with holy hands
And raise the song that never ends,
Of Jesus Christ, my righteousness.
(CHORUS)

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RESPONSIVE READING: *Lamentations 3:19-25 (ESV)*

LEADER: Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!

CONGREGATION: *My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.*

LEADER: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

CONGREGATION: *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

LEADER: “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

ALL: *The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

(Thomas O. Chisholm & William M. Runyan, 1923)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail
not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
(REFRAIN)

REFRAIN:
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(REFRAIN)

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Prayer Time

(You may have an open time of prayer or select someone to pray)

- Pray for our nation – that the good news of Jesus Christ would draw people to know God genuinely and personally.
- Pray for those suffering from the ongoing spread of the coronavirus.
- Pray for those experiencing racial injustices; specifically, that God would bring hope, reconciliation, and restoration through the good news of His Son.
- Pray for those in authority at every level in our country, that they would govern wisely and justly.

Listen to Sermon

“Prayer in the Midst of Pressure”

preached by Scott Sottosanti

Psalm 25 (ESV)

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶ Remember your mercy,
O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and
faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

¹² Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.

¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

¹⁹ Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

²⁰ Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

²¹ May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for you.

²² Redeem Israel, O God,
out of all his troubles.

Confession of Faith

adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism (1563) Question 60

LEADER: How are you righteous before God?

*CONGREGATION: Only by a true faith in Jesus Christ;
So that, though my conscience accuse me,
that I have grossly transgressed all the commandments of God,
and kept none of them, and am still inclined to all kinds of evil;
Notwithstanding, God, without any merit of mine, but only of mere grace,
grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness
and holiness of Christ;
Even so, God views me as if I never had committed any sin:
indeed, as if I had fully accomplished all that obedience
which Christ has accomplished for me;
Inasmuch as I embrace such benefit with a trusting heart.*

LEADER: Indeed! This is the good news that frees you to truly love God and serve others.

Sharing Time

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

Song

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

MY HOPE IS BUILT

(Edward Mote & William B. Bradbury, 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

REFRAIN:

On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

(REFRAIN)

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

(REFRAIN)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

(REFRAIN)

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Benediction

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

Luke 12:29-32

LEADER: 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. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

PEOPLE: *Amen!*