

Guide for Home Worship

August 16, 2020

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Isaiah 45:22-25 (NASB)

LEADER: Thus says the Lord: turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

CONGREGATION: *I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and will not turn back, that to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.*

LEADER: They will say of Me, 'Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength.' Men will come to Him, and all who were angry at Him will be put to shame.

CONGREGATION: *In the LORD all the offspring of Israel will be justified and will glory.*

Songs and Liturgy

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

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

(Charitie Bancroft, 1841, Vikki Cook)

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
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When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied,
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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RESPONSIVE READING: *Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV)*

LEADER: Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom

CONGREGATION: *Let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,*

LEADER: But let him who boasts boast in this,

CONGREGATION: *That he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth.*

ALL: *For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”*

COME BEHOLD THE WONDEROUS MYSTERY

(Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker)

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
In the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven’s praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry,
He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living in His suff’ring,
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father’s plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry,
Slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e’er restrain Him,
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv’rance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes.

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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

“A Happy Man”

preached by Ryan Bouton

Psalm 1 (ESV)

¹ Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Confession of Faith

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

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)

JESUS PAID IT ALL

(Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall, John Thomas Grape, Kristian Stanfill, 1865)

I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

CHORUS:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone. (CHORUS)

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead.

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. (CHORUS)

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead.

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save,
My lips shall still repeat. (CHORUS)

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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!