

Guide for Home Worship September 20, 2020

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-10 (NIV)

LEADER: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

CONGREGATION: *All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.*

ALL: *For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.*

Songs and Liturgy

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Reginald Heber & John B. Dykes, 1861, Eric Schumacher, David L. Ward)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee,
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy— there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Justice meets with mercy:
God the Father crushed the Son for our iniquity.
Crucified and buried, risen unto glory,
Now, by the Spirit, holy we shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea!
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 123 (NIV)

LEADER: I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven.

CONGREGATION: *As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy.*

LEADER: Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt.

CONGREGATION: *We have endured much ridicule from the proud, much contempt from the arrogant.*

ALL: *Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us.*

I STAND AMAZED

(Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, 1856-1932)

I stand amazed in the presence,
of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

He took my sins and my sorrows,
and made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
and suffered and died alone.

(CHORUS)

CHORUS:

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden,
He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs,
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

(CHORUS)

He binds up the broken hearted,
brings honor to those with shame.
The unclean he graciously cleanses,
the outcast receives his embrace.

(CHORUS)

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Prayer Time

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

- Pray for our church's short and long-term meeting place needs, that God would give us favor in the eyes of those in authority and that He would give us provision that would go far beyond all that we could ask or imagine.
- Pray for our world – that the good news of Jesus Christ would flourish and that many would come to know God genuinely and personally.
- Pray for those experiencing injustices; specifically, that God would bring hope, reconciliation, and restoration through the good news of His Son, and that we would be agents of this reconciliation.
- Pray for those in authority at every level in our country, that they would govern wisely and justly.

Listen to Sermon

“How Do We Know God?”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

selected passages (ESV)

Romans 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...

Hebrews 1:1

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

John 1:18

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 5:39-40

³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

Confession of Faith - 1 Timothy 3:16

LEADER: And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness:

CONGREGATION: *God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Nations, believed on in the world, received up in glory.*

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)

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

(Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves)

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

CHORUS:

How great is our God!
Sing with me,
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

Age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands,
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End,
The Godhead three in one:
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.
(CHORUS)

BRIDGE:

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God!

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Benediction - Luke 12:29-32

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

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!*