

Guide for Home Worship

September 27, 2020

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6 (NIV)

LEADER: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

CONGREGATION: *Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.*

LEADER: Declare his glory among nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

CONGREGATION: *For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.*

Songs and Liturgy

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

GOD OF WONDERS

(Marc Byrd)

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.
The heavens are your tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on high.

CHORUS:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty,
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call your name by night.

(CHORUS)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
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RESPONSIVE READING: *Adapted from Isaiah 40:12-18 (NASB)*

LEADER: Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and marked off the heavens by the span, and calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in a pair of scales?

CONGREGATION: *Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has informed Him?*

LEADER: With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and informed Him of the way of understanding?

CONGREGATION: *Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.*

LEADER: Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

CONGREGATION: *All the nations are as nothing before Him, they are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless.*

ALL: *To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?*

BEHOLD OUR GOD

(Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?
(CHORUS)

CHORUS:
Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands.
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!
(CHORUS)

BRIDGE:

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill)

(CHORUS)

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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

“The Majesty of God”

preached by Pastor Chris Audino

Matthew 17:1-13, 2 Peter 1:16-18 (ESV)

Matthew 17

¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.” ¹⁰ And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” ¹¹ He answered, “Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

2 Peter 1

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (circa 5th Century)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

CONGREGATION: *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic** church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.*

Amen.

*i.e. suffered under the judgment of God for His people

**i.e. “universal”

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)

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

(Ada Ruth Habershon, 1906, Matthew Merker)

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

CHORUS:

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast,
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.
(CHORUS)

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When he comes at last.
(CHORUS)

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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!