

Guide for Home Worship

October 18, 2020

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 102 (ESV)

*ALL: Hear my prayer, O Lord;
let my cry come to you!
Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call!*

Songs and Liturgy

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

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.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

PSALM MEDITATION: Psalm 102 (ESV)

LEADER: For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.

PEOPLE: My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread.

LEADER: Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh.

PEOPLE: I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places;

LEADER: I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.

PEOPLE: All the day my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse.

LEADER: For I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink,

PEOPLE: Because of your indignation and anger; for you have taken me up and thrown me down.

LEADER: My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

PEOPLE: But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations.

LEADER: You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

PEOPLE: For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust.

LEADER: Nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

PEOPLE: For the Lord builds up Zion; he appears in his glory;

LEADER: He regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

PEOPLE: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:

LEADER: That he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,

PEOPLE: To hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,

ALL: That they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.

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

“Knowing God in His Wisdom”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton, Campus Pastor at The Quechee Church

John 14:21 & Psalm 139 (ESV)

John 14 (NASB)

²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

Psalm 139 (ESV)

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,”

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is bright as the day,

for darkness is as light with you.

¹³ For you formed my inward parts;

you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

in your book were written, every one of them,

the days that were formed for me,

when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

I awake, and I am still with you.

¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!

O men of blood, depart from me!

²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?

And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

²² I hate them with complete hatred;

I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

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)

Closing Meditation

Psalm 102 (ESV)

LEADER: He has broken my strength in midcourse;
he has shortened my days.

PEOPLE: *"O my God," I say, "take me not away
in the midst of my days—
you whose years endure
throughout all generations!"*

LEADER: Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

PEOPLE: *They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,*

LEADER: But you are the same, and your years have no end.

ALL: *The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before you.*

Song

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

I STAND IN AWE

(Mark Altrogge)

You are beautiful beyond description,
Too marvelous for words;
Too wonderful for comprehension,
Like nothing ever seen or heard.
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?
Who can fathom the depth of Your Love?
You are beautiful beyond description,
Majesty enthroned above.

REFRAIN:

And I stand, I stand in awe of You,
I stand, I stand in awe of You;
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of You.

You are beautiful beyond description
Yet God crushed You for my sin
In agony and deep affliction
Cut off that I might enter in
Who can grasp such tender compassion
Who can fathom this mercy so free
You are beautiful beyond description
Lamb of God who died for me.

(REFRAIN)

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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!