

## Guide for Home Worship

October 4, 2020

### Opening Prayer

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

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 138:1-6 (ESV)*

LEADER: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

CONGREGATION: *I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.*

LEADER: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

CONGREGATION: *All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.*

LEADER: And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

CONGREGATION: *For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.*

### Songs and Liturgy

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

#### A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

(Martin Luther, 1529)

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth, His name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim—  
We tremble not at Him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo His doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

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**RESPONSIVE READING: *Philippians 2:5-11***

LEADER: Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

*CONGREGATION: Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

LEADER: But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

*CONGREGATION: Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

LEADER: For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

*CONGREGATION: So that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

*ALL: and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

(Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923, additional verses by John Piper)

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.

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling;  
Covenant promises fell not to me.  
Then without warning, desire, or deserving,  
I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.  
(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.

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,  
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;  
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me,  
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.  
(REFRAIN)

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

### “Knowing God by His Word”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

**Psalm 119:9-11, 2 Peter 1:16-21, 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV)**

#### *Psalm 119*

<sup>9</sup> How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

<sup>11</sup> I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.

#### *2 Peter 1*

<sup>16</sup> 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.<sup>17</sup> 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,”<sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.<sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,<sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation.<sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

#### *2 Timothy 3*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it<sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## 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"

## Song

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

### GREATLY REJOICE

(Steve Earl)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
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Who has caused us to be born again to a living hope  
Who has caused us to be born again to a living hope  
A hope that won't fade away, reserved in heaven for us  
Protected by the power of God through faith  
We are saved! We are saved!

#### REFRAIN:

We greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible  
Greatly rejoice with glorious praise  
Greatly rejoice in a life incorruptible  
Love beyond measure and infinite grace  
Love beyond measure and infinite grace.

Through the trials of life  
You're working to prove our faith as gold  
In Your love we are persevering for one day soon we know  
You'll explode through the clouds as Your shout cracks the sky  
Dead in Christ will arise— as You call home Your bride  
And though we've not seen Your face, this greatest glory awaits  
'Til then by the power of God through faith  
We are saved! We are saved!

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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!*