

Guide for Home Worship

October 25, 2020

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

LEADER: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,

CONGREGATION: *Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.*

LEADER: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin.

CONGREGATION: *Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Songs and Liturgy

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

O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER

(Nathan Stiff)

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure of my longing soul.
My God, like You there is no other;
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace a well too deep to fathom.
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach.
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart.
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts.
My song when enemies surround me,
My hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life.
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders.
In my place, You suffered, bled, and died.
You rose the grave and death are conquered;
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

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RESPONSIVE READING – *Psalm 63:1-11 (NIV)*

LEADER: O God, you are my God, earnestly will I seek you; my soul thirst of you , my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

CONGREGATION: *I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.*

LEADER: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

CONGREGATION: *I will praise you as long as I live and in your name I will lift up my hands.*

LEADER: My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

CONGREGATION: *On my bed I remember you; I think Of you through the watches of the night.*

LEADER: Because you are my help I sing in the shadow of your wings.

CONGREGATION: *My soul clings to you; your right Hand upholds me.*

LEADER: They who seek my life will be destroyed; They will go down to the depths of the earth. They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals.

CONGREGATION: *But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God's name will praise him while the mouths of liars will be silenced.*

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

(Steve Cook, Vicki Cook)

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
And hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge:
The Lamb Who is my righteousness,
The Lamb Who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm held by His grace,
My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when He calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

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 Jealous Husband: God’s Loving Jealousy”

preached by Robert Moore

selected passages (ESV)

Deuteronomy 4

²³ Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the Lord your God has forbidden you. ²⁴ For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Hosea 2

¹⁶ “And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ ¹⁷ For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. ¹⁸ And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. ¹⁹ And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. ²⁰ I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.

²¹ “And in that day I will answer, declares the Lord,

I will answer the heavens,

and they shall answer the earth,

²² and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and they shall answer Jezreel,

²³ and I will sow her for myself in the land.

And I will have mercy on No Mercy,

And I will say to Not My People,

‘You are my people’;

and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

John 4:7-26

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink. ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?”

(For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you

now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

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 30 (ESV) A Song of Victory by Jesus, Son of David

LEADER: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

CONGREGATION: *O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.*

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

CONGREGATION: *Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."*

LEADER: By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

PEOPLE *To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:*

LEADER: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

CONGREGATION: *"Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"*

LEADER: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

ALL: *O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

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!*