

Guide for Home Worship

November 1, 2020

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship – 1 Timothy 1:15-17 (NIV)

LEADER: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:

CONGREGATION: *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.*

LEADER: But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

CONGREGATION: *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen*

Songs and Liturgy

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

HERE IS LOVE

(William Rees, 1855; William Edwards, 1915; Matt Giles, Vell Rives)

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above;
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil:
Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
Death has failed to be found equal
To the life of Him Who saves.
In the valley of our darkness
Dawned His everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance
Has repelled death's hellish night.

That same love beyond all measure,
Mocked and slain by hateful men,
Lives and reigns in resurrection
And can never die again.
Here is love for all the ages,
Radiant Sun of Heav'n He stands,
Calling home His Father's children,
Holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love, vast as the heavens;
Countless as the stars above
Are the souls that He has ransomed,
Precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever
On a love beyond our time;
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit
Now with man are intertwined.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 107:1-9 (NIV)

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

CONGREGATION: His love endures forever.

LEADER: Let the redeemed of the LORD say this – those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

CONGREGATION: From the east and the west, from north and south.

LEADER: Some wandered in desert wastelands,

CONGREGATION: Finding no way to a city where they could settle.

LEADER: They were hungry and thirsty,

CONGREGATION: And their lives ebbed away.

LEADER: Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,

CONGREGATION: And he delivered them from their distress.

LEADER: He led them by a straight way

CONGREGATION: To a city where they could settle.

LEADER: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds to men,

CONGREGATION: For he satisfies the thirsty and he fills the hungry with good things.

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.

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 Love of God”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

1 John 4:7-14, Deuteronomy 10:12-16, Romans 5:6-8 (ESV)

1 John 4

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Deuteronomy 10

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

Romans 5

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Confession of Faith

Galatians 2:20

LEADER: Christian, what is true of you in Christ?

CONGREGATION: I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

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!*