

Guide for Home Worship
February 21, 2021

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-7 (NIV)

LEADER: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

CONGREGATION: *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,*

LEADER: *Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*

CONGREGATION: *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.*

LEADER: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

CONGREGATION: *Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.*

LEADER: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

CONGREGATION: *Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth,*

LEADER: *He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.*

CONGREGATION: *Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*

ALL: *The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Songs and Liturgy

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

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

(Robert Robinson & Asahel Nettleton, 1757)

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine "Ebenezer";
Hither by Thy help I come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure;
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last.

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RESPONSIVE READING:

Psalm 63:1-11 (NIV)

LEADER: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched 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 LIFT MY EYES UP

(Brian Doerksen)

I lift my eyes up, up to the mountains.
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You
Maker of heaven, creator of the earth.

CHORUS:
Oh how I need You, Lord
You are my only hope
You are my only prayer
So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me
To come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up, up to my keeper
For you watch over me.
My help comes from You,
For you are faithful, and you will keep my life.

(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

“Finding and Being Found by the Son of God”

preached by Scott Sottosanti

John 1:35-51 (ESV)

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Confession of Faith

Philippians 2

LEADER: Christian, what do you confess about your Lord Jesus Christ?

CONGREGATION: Although being in very nature God, He did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Song of Response

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

(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!