

Guide for Home Worship

March 7, 2021

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1-6 (ESV)

LEADER: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

CONGREGATION: *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?*

LEADER: My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?”

CONGREGATION: *These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.*

ALL: *Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.*

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.

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RESPONSIVE READING: *Isaiah 53:4-5 (ESV)*

LEADER: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

CONGREGATION: *Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*

LEADER: But he was pierced for our transgressions

CONGREGATION: *He was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

I HAVE A SHELTER

(Steve Cook, Vikki Cook, Bob Kauflin)

I have a shelter in the storm,
When troubles pour upon me.
Though fears are rising like a flood,
My soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You,
My place of peace and solace.
No trial is deeper than Your love
That comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm,
When all my sins accuse me.
Though justice charges me with guilt,
Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You,
Who bore my condemnation.
I find my refuge in Your wounds,
For there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm,
When constant winds would break me.
For in my weakness, I have learned
Your strength will not forsake me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You,
The One who bears my burdens.
With faithful hands that cannot fail,
You'll bring me home to heaven.

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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

“The Temple Formerly Known as Solomon’s”

preached by Robert Moore

Haggai 2:1-9, selections from 1 Kings (ESV)

Haggai 2

¹In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: ²“Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, ³‘Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? ⁴Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, ⁵according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. ⁶For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. ⁹The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.’”

1 Kings 5

³“You know that David my father could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. ⁴But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side. There is neither adversary nor misfortune. ⁵And so I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to David my father, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.’

1 Kings 8

⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim...

¹⁰And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord...

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³and said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; ²⁴you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ²⁵Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me...’

⁴⁶“If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near, ⁴⁷yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors, saying, ‘We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,’ ⁴⁸if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, ⁴⁹then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause ⁵⁰and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions that they have committed against you, and grant them compassion in the sight of those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them.

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 of Response

MY HOPE IS BUILT

(Edward Mote & William B. Bradbury, 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

REFRAIN:

On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. (REFRAIN)

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (REFRAIN)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (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!*