

Guide for Home Worship

April 11, 2021

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:1-7 (ESV)

LEADER: May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make His face to shine upon us,

CONGREGATION: *That your way may be known on the earth, your saving power among all nations.*

LEADER: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

CONGREGATION: *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations on the earth.*

LEADER: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

CONGREGATION: *The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, let all the ends of the earth fear Him!*

Songs and Liturgy

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

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

(Joachim Neander, 1665)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee,
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly forever adore Him.

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RESPONSIVE READING – *Hebrews 2:10-18 (ESV)*

LEADER: For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

PEOPLE: *For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source.*

LEADER: That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

PEOPLE: *And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”*

LEADER: Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

PEOPLE: *For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.*

LEADER: Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

PEOPLE: *For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

(John Newton 1774, Laura Taylor)

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior’s name!
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder,
He has quenched Mt. Sinai’s flame.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.

He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy’s store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.

He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky.

He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents us whole to God.

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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

“Born Again”

preached by Pastor Chris Audino

John 3:1-15 (ESV)

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Confession of Faith

adapted from John 1:1-5, 14

LEADER: What do you believe about the Gospel of Jesus?

CONGREGATION: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through Him all things came into being; without Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and that life was the light of mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not been able to stop it.

And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Song of Response

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

(Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901)

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,
He speaks to me every where.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

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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!*