

# Guide for Home Worship

## May 16, 2021

### Opening Prayer

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

### Call to Worship

*Isaiah 55:1-3 (NIV)*

LEADER: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

CONGREGATION: *Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?*

LEADER: Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

CONGREGATION: *Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.*

### Songs and Liturgy

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

#### 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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**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, and their lives ebbed away.

CONGREGATION: *Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, 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.*

**AND CAN IT BE?**

(Charles Wesley, 1738)

And can it be that I should gain,  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me!  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray.  
I woke the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off my heart was free.  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread,  
Jesus and all in Him is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne  
And claim the crown through Christ my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

PUBLIC DOMAIN

**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 Satisfaction of God’s Will”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

#### John 4:1-42 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> 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.) <sup>10</sup> 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.” <sup>11</sup> 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? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> 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.” <sup>15</sup> 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.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> 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.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

## **Confession of Faith** – *The Apostles' Creed (circa 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **NAILED TO THE CROSS**

(Bryan Fowler, Christopher Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, Jonathan Lindley Smith)

When I stand accused by my regrets  
And the Devil roars his empty threats,  
I will preach the gospel to myself  
That I am not someone condemned,  
For Jesus Christ is my defense.

#### CHORUS:

My sin is nailed to the cross.  
My soul is healed by the scars.  
The shame and guilt I bear no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

When my doubt and shame hang over me  
Like the arrows of the enemy,  
I will run again to Calvary;  
That rugged hill of Hell's defeat,  
My fortress and my victory.  
(CHORUS)

#### BRIDGE:

It is finished, sin is vanquished.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord.  
All the glory, all the honor,  
To my Savior, Christ the Lord.  
(REPEAT)

When I stand before the throne at last,  
His blood will plead my innocence.  
I will worship Him with holy hands  
And raise the song that never ends,  
Of Jesus Christ, my righteousness.  
(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!*