

Guide for Home Worship

May 23, 2021

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

John 4:23-24 (NIV)

LEADER: A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

CONGREGATION: *God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.*

Songs and Liturgy

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

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

(St. Francis, 1225, & William H. Draper 1928, Jonathan Baird, Ryan Baird)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,
Come and rejoice in His great love,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin.
Cast all your burdens now on Him,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign.
Heaven and earth will join to say,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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RESPONSIVE READING – *John 14:23-28 (ESV)*

LEADER: Jesus said, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,

PEOPLE: And my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.

LEADER: And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

PEOPLE: These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

LEADER: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.

PEOPLE: Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

LEADER: You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’

PEOPLE: If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

(Charitie Bancroft, 1841, Vikki Cook)

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav’n he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied,
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Special Offering

Missions Offering for Church Planting: *Our quarterly offerings are special collections above and beyond our regular giving to the church. The largest portion of this offering will be used to support World Impact's The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI), which equips leadership for the urban church, especially among the poor. The remaining portions will go to a variety of our regional church planting efforts, as indicated below:*

- 70% to TUMI//World Impact Church Planting*
- 10% to CRC New London Building Fund*
- 10% to The Quechee Church Building Fund*
- 10% to CRC Church Planting Fund*

If you want to designate a gift for this special offering, please write “church planting” in the memo section of your check or on your giving envelope. You can also give online at www.quecheechurch.org under the giving menu. If you give online, please select “Special Missions Giving” from the dropdown menu.

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 Invisible Sign”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

John 4:43-54 (ESV)

⁴³ After the two days he departed for Galilee. ⁴⁴ (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) ⁴⁵ So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

⁴⁶ So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” ⁴⁹ The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” ⁵³ The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴ This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

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

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

(Horatio G. Spafford & Philip P. Bliss, 1873)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

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!*