

Guide for Home Worship

July 18, 2021

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

2 Samuel 22:2-7 (ESV)

LEADER: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer!

PEOPLE: *My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.*

LEADER: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

PEOPLE: *For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of destruction assailed me the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.*

LEADER: In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called.

PEOPLE: *From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.*

Songs and Liturgy

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

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

(Martin Luther, 1529)

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is He,
Lord Sabaoth, His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim—
We tremble not at Him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo His doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 123 (NIV)

LEADER: I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven.

CONGREGATION: As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy.

LEADER: Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt.

CONGREGATION: We have endured much ridicule from the proud, much contempt from the arrogant.
ALL: Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us.

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

(Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker)

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living in His suffering,
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes.

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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 Satisfied Soul”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

Psalm 63 (ESV)

¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶ when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸ My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

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

HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER

(Jon Foreman)

God is my shepherd,
I won't be wanting,
I won't be wanting.
He makes me rest in fields of green,
With quiet streams.
Even though I walk through the valley
Of death and dying,
I will not fear 'cause You are with me,
You are with me.

CHORUS:

Your shepherd's staff, comforts me,
You are my feast in the presence of enemies,
Surely goodness will follow me
Follow me
In the house of God forever.

God is my shepherd,
I won't be wanting,
I won't be wanting.
He makes me rest in fields of green,
By quiet streams.
Even while I'm walking through the valley
Of death and dying,
I will not fear 'cause You are with me,
You're always with me.

(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!