



HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE | "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" (JASON PAYNE)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 118:24

- › This is the day the Lord has made;
- » **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 113

- › Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord.
- » **Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.**
- › From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.
- » **Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**
- › He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.
- » **Praise the Lord!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Take a few moments with the people you are gathered with, or on your own, to praise God for his goodness and faithfulness, even in this moment of crisis.

SONG OF PRAISE | "THINE IS THE GLORY"

SONG OF PRAISE | "KING OF KINGS"

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

MUSIC ON PAGE 3

THINE IS THE GLORY

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-querer Son; end-less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naughtwith-

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness,
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes where thy
 hymns of tri-umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy

bod - y lay.
 lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con-querer Son;
 home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won!

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KING OF KINGS



1. In the dark - ness we were wait - ing, with - out hope, with - out light,
2. To re - veal the king - dom com - ing and to rec - on - cile the lost,
3. And the morn - ing that you rose, all of heav - en held its breath
4. And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spir - it lit the flame.



till from heav - en you came run - ning. There was merc - cy in your eyes.
to re - deem the whole cre - a - tion you did not de - spise the cross.
till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had con - quered death.
Now this gos - pel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.



To ful - fill the law and proph - ets, to a Vir - gin came the Word,
For e - ven in your suf - f'ring, you saw to the oth - er side.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the an - gels stood in awe,
By his blood and in his Name, in his free - dom I am free,



from a throne of end - less glo - ry to a cra - dle in the dirt.
Know - ing this was our sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for our sake you died.
for the souls of all who'd come to the Fa - ther are re - stored.
for the love of Je - sus Christ, who has res - ur - rect - ed me.

Chorus



Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, Three in One.



God of glo - ry, maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | FROM MORTEN LAURIDSEN'S "LUX AETERNA"

- › O light most blessed,
fill the inmost heart of all the faithful.
Without your grace, there is nothing in us,
nothing that is not harmful.
- » **Cleanse what is sordid,
flood what is arid,
heal what is hurt,
flex what is rigid,
fire what is frigid,
correct what goes astray.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT | FROM PSALM 103:11-13

- › For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him.
- » **As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**
- › As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.

THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

To give online, visit thirdrva.org/generosity.

Please pray for our mission partner Ginger James and GoodWorks. GoodWorks provides faith-based professional teaching programs, including Jobs for Life, tailor-made small groups, and one-on-one coaching that focuses on discovering and defining one's giftedness and passion. They seek to change one's posture of work from "striving" to "thriving" in the overall culture of work.

INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNER

OFFERTORY | "HOW LONG?"

How long will you turn your face away?
How long? Do you hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way. How long?
How long 'til your children find their rest?
How long 'til you draw them to your breast?
We go on holding to your promises. How long?
*'Til you wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye.
'Til we see our home descending from the sky.
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!*
How long 'til your word will still the storm?
How long 'til you bare your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til you snatch us from the thorns! How long?

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTIONS 46, 49

- › What do you confess by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?
- » **That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**
- › How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?
- » **First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.
Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.
Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

SCRIPTURE READING | ACTS 1:6–11; 2:32–37

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

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³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵ until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”

³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

- › This is the word of the Lord.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE | “HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN”

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spend some time praying aloud for the following topics, and for concerns in your life and community:

Pray that God would guide the church to love its neighbors in this moment.

Pray that God would save lives from the coronavirus.

Pray that God would give our authorities wisdom, and our people peace and receptivity.

Pray that God would strengthen and bless our healthcare workers.

Pray that God would give wisdom and revelation to our health experts, and that treatments and vaccinations would be discovered.

Pray that God would equip us with ways to safely and self-sacrificially serve our local communities in this moment, especially the elderly, those with frail immune systems, people in need of work or childcare, and the uninsured who often delay needed care due to fear about financial consequences.

For health: Phil Marriott, Brad Bishop, Bradley Crawford, Keena Harwood, Donna Wells, Bob Lauranzon, Gretchen Gravely, Christie Geraty, Erika Gouverneur, Francis Steadman, Milton Jones

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones: Elizabeth Massie (mother, 4/11); René Shouse (mother, 4/9); Libby Cornett (mother, 4/2); Lauren Auker (grandmother, 3/27); Julie Walden (3/25); Mary Damon (sister, 3/21); Anna Shenk (grandmother, 3/19); Noel Brooks (father, 3/19); Edwin Phillips (cousin, 3/14); Bradley Crawford (mother, 3/3)

Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:

- » **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

SENDING

SONG OF COMMISSION | "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES" (VERSES 1, 2, 3, 6, 7) MUSIC ON PAGE 8

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM HEBREWS 4:14-16

- › Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
- » **Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

POSTLUDE | "PSALM 19" (BENEDETTO MARCELLO)

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

D G D E A D

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy this
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to sil - ence all my fears; he lives to
 4 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to

G D Em D A D A D

blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry

G Em A D G D Em D/A A7 D

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ing to im - part.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

- 5 He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 6 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

7 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blessed assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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