



Home Worship Guide

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 15, 2020

This is a basic home worship guide you can use to worship together in your home this Sunday. We encourage you to gather together with your family and any other neighbors or friends that might be in your home to worship with you.

Choose a leader to lead the "Leader" portions. If you're musical, feel free to sing, if not, you can just skip the singing parts!

Preparation for Worship | From Psalm 46

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God.

A Note on House Worship

Leader: At a moment of crisis, we have an opportunity this morning to worship in our homes, to proclaim the power of the Maker of heaven and earth, and to remember his love and care for us and all creation. We also have the opportunity to worship in solidarity with many Christians around the world who live in perpetual crisis or persecution and have no other option but to meet in their homes for worship. This morning we rejoice in God's care for us, we worship in solidarity with the global church, and we proclaim that God's love will cast out fear.

People: **May it be so.**

Call to Worship | From Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: **A very present help in trouble.**

Leader: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter.

People: **But the Lord utters his voice, and the earth melts.**

Leader: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Everyone: **Amen.**

Prayers of Adoration

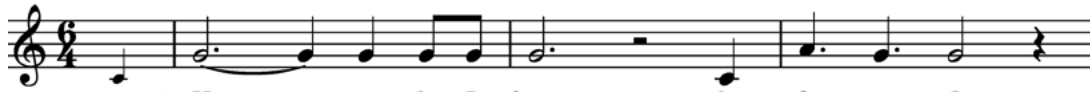
Spend a few minutes praising God as maker and keeper of all things. You could just invite people to say words out loud that characterize God and his care for us, for example, "Thank you that you are sovereign over all," or "We praise you for your power in the midst of our weakness."

Song of Praise

"Famous One" Refrain and Responsive Readings

Sing if you're able

From Psalm 95:3-5; Isaiah 45:8; Colossians 1:15-17



1. You _____ are the Lord, _____ the fa - mous One,
2. The heav - ens de - clare _____ you're glo - ri - ous,



fa - mous One; great _____ is your name in all _____ the earth.____
glo - ri - ous; great _____ is your fame be - yond _____ the earth.____

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: ***You are the Lord, the famous One, famous One;
Great is your name in all the earth.
The heavens declare you're glorious, glorious;
Great is your name in all the earth.***

Leader: "You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down.
Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up,
let righteousness flourish with it; I, the Lord, have created it."

People: ***You are the Lord, the famous One, famous One;
Great is your name in all the earth.
The heavens declare you're glorious, glorious;
Great is your name in all the earth.***

Leader: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: ***For in him all things were created:***

Leader: Things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers
or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

People: ***He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
You are the Lord, the famous One, famous One;
Great is your name in all the earth.
The heavens declare you're glorious, glorious;
Great is your name in all the earth.***

This Is My Father's World

D A7 D G D A

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,

D Bm A7 D A7 D

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Ma - ker's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

A7 D G D G D A7

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of__
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The__

D Bm A7 D A7 D

rocks and trees, of__ skies and seas; his hand the__ won-ders__ wrought.
 rus - tling grass I__ hear him pass; he speaks to__ me ev-ery-where.
 Lord is King, let the heav-ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be__ glad.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), P.D.

Music (TERRA BEATA 6.6.8.6 D): English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), P.D.

Confession

Leader: We read in the Psalms that we are to lift our eyes to the mountains, to the Lord for our peace.

People: But so often we look to what we can do, and we live in fear.

Leader: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

People: But so often we live as if our help comes from ourselves, and we live in anxiety.

Leader: Therefore let us confess that we fail to believe God's promise to us:
That the Lord watches over us.

Words of Comfort and Assurance

Leader: Our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God.

People: He holds it together and gives us hope.

Leader: With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment.

People: For then we will see the Lord face to face.

Leader: God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new.

People: And every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God! Come, Lord Jesus.

Greeting of Peace

Leader: As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, use this chance to practice our new sign of peace for this moment. Offer a wave, a smile or an elbow bump to one another as a sign of peace. Say something simple like "Peace be with you," or just simply, "Peace." Know that in doing so, we are practicing an act of physical peace to love and protect our neighbors by not spreading sickness.

Confessing Our Faith | Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Everyone: That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.**

**He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Scripture Reading | Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
- ⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.
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Reflection | Watch the pre-recorded message and discuss together.

Praying Together

Spend some time praying together in response to the God as Maker of Heaven and Earth.
Consider prayers along the following:

- 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, or the people in need of work or childcare.
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Song of Praise

"Doxology"

Sing if you're able

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Commission | From Psalm 121

Leader: The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

People: The Lord will keep use from all harm, he will watch over our lives.

Leader: May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now, and always.

People: Amen.