



HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE | "TOCCATA ON 'THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION'" (ROBERT HOBBY)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 62:5

- › For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait;
- » **Truly our hope is in you.**

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM HEBREWS 4:14; REVELATION 5:10,12

- › Jesus Christ has ascended into heaven and is at God's right hand— with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.
- » **Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven—Jesus, the Son of God— let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!**
- › Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!
- » **Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!**

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.

REFLECTION OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
 Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
 Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
 Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Hal - le - lu - - - - - jah!

Hal - le - lu - - - - - jah!

SONG OF PRAISE | "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore
 F Am B^b C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore

him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -
 F Am B^b

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -
 ing, shel - tering you un - der his wings, oh, so gent - ly sus -
 you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 C7 F B^b F

va - tion! Come, all who hear; broth - ers and
 tain - ing. Have you not seen all that is
 tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt., P.D.

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peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

C F Dm Gm C F

sis - ters, draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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 ISAIAH 60:1-3

- › Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
- » **Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Amen.**

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 Beth Baleke as she serves with Scripture Union (Uganda), a program that nurtures children and youth holistically, helping people engage with God through the Bible, so they may follow Jesus Christ and be instrumental in transforming Africa.

OFFERTORY | INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNERS NATHAN AND AMY

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

SCRIPTURE READING | EPHESIANS 1:15–23

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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

MESSAGE | "THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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 rose again from the dead;**
 - he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**
 - from there 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.**

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 vaccines 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.

Pray for health: Brad Bishop, Bradley Crawford, Bitsy Hillsman, Keena Harwood, Donna Wells, Gretchen Gravely, Christie Geraty, Erika Gouverneur, Francis Steadman, Milton Jones

Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: Scott and Rob Cox (mother Connie, 5/12); Sue Reed (mother, 5/8); John Dean (5/4); Paul Newell (father), Jimmie Massie (mother, 5/3); Rich Hines (wife, 4/27); Peg Shealy (mother, 4/19); Elizabeth Massie (mother, 4/11); René Shouse (mother, 4/9); Libbie Cornett (mother, 4/2)

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 | THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (V. 1, 2, 4, 5)

MUSIC ON PAGE 7

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

- › In Jesus, we are called together to declare God's glory.
- » **May we live awash in the light of God's goodness and mercy.**

POSTLUDE | "MARCH" (WILLIAM WALTON)

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

D A G A D

1 The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,

F# G D A

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,

D G D Bm Em

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,

D Gmaj7 Em7 Asus A D

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, P.D.
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