



HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE | "PRELUDE, FUGUE, AND CHACONNE" (DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE)

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.

SONG OF PRAISE | "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" (V 1,3,5)

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #254

Unison

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;

thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou in the dark - ness drear their one true light.
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4 And when the strife is fierce,
 the warfare long,
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 and hearts are brave again,
 and arms are strong.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds,
 from ocean's farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl
 streams in the countless host,
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Words: William W. How, 1864, alt., P.D.

Music (SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias): Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, P.D.

SONG OF PRAISE | "ALMIGHTY GOD"

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy.
Come with your light; we cannot hide from you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
With gratitude we raise our song to you.
Come and fill the praises of your people.
In grace and truth, you make us new again.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
We long for more than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us.
Your river deep floods over everything.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
You take away our sickness and our sin.
Oh, Lamb of God, we gather at your table.
In bread and wine you have supplied our needs.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Let us come with humble and repentant hearts to the Lord.
- » **We all, like sheep, have gone astray.
Each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE | FROM ROMANS 8:1

- › There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- » **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 InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, for Kip Hart at VCU and Sarah Angel at University of Richmond as they seek to build a witnessing community of students and faculty who grow as followers of Jesus Christ, impacting the campus and the world.

OFFERTORY | "THIS IS THE DAY" VIDEO (BIGELOW'S)

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 | QUESTION 55

- › What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?
- » **First, that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship.**
Second, that each one ought to know that he is obliged to use his gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members.

SCRIPTURE READING | EPHESIANS 4:1-6

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

MESSAGE | "THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS"

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.

Thank God for those who have served and are currently serving our country, and for the freedoms we are able to enjoy on this Memorial Day weekend.

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

Pray that God would save lives from the coronavirus, and 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 for health: Brad Bishop, Bradley Crawford, Keena Harwood, Donna Wells, Gretchen Gravely, Christie Geraty, Erika Gouverneur, Milton Jones

Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: Kay Lynch (father, 5/15); 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 | "THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS"

MUSIC ON PAGE 6

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM HEBREWS 12:1-3

- › Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.
- » **Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.**

POSTLUDE | "TOCCATA ON 'SINE NOMINE'" (MICHAEL BEDFORD)

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All___ praise to the Fa - ther and all praise to his Son,



and they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

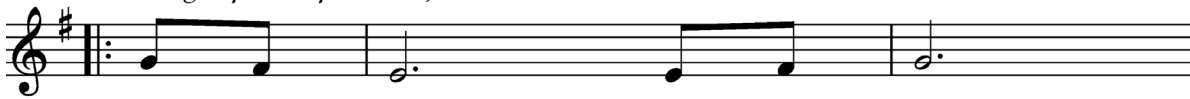


And we pray that our u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
And all praise to the Spir - it who___ makes us___ one.



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

Sing refrain after vv. 2, 3 & 4



By our love, by our love,



yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our___ love.