

Guide for Home Worship

August 9, 2020

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-6 (NIV)

LEADER: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

CONGREGATION: *Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.*

LEADER: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

CONGREGATION: *Praise him, all you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.*

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

CONGREGATION: *He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.*

Songs and Liturgy

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

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

(Matt Redman, Beth Redman)

Blessed be Your name,
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

CHORUS:

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name,
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.
(CHORUS)

You give and take away,
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
(CHORUS)

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RESPONSIVE READING: *Colossians 1:13-20 (NASB)*

LEADER: For God delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

CONGREGATION: *In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

LEADER: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

CONGREGATION: *For by Him all things were created,*

LEADER: Both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, or rulers or authorities,

CONGREGATION: *All things have been created by Him and for Him.*

LEADER: He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead;

CONGREGATION: *So that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.*

LEADER: For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him.

CONGREGATION: *And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him I say whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

LORD, FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL

(Matt Boswell, Matt Papa)

Lord, from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken.
Torn and ruined from the fall,
Hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed,
"God, come to my rescue!"
Even so the thorn remains,
Still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul,
Questions without answers.
On my faith these billows roll.
God, be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down my soul?
Hope in Him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold,
Cause this heart to praise You.

CHORUS:

Oh my soul, put your hope in God.
My help, my rock, I will praise Him.
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm.
"You're still my God, my salvation."

Should my life be torn from me,
Every worldly pleasure.
When all I possess is grief,
God, be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night.
Be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight,
Lord, my heart will praise You.

(CHORUS)

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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

“Delightful Devotion”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

Psalm 16 (ESV)

- ¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”
³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.
⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Confession of Faith

1 Peter 2:9-10

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

CONGREGATION: We believe that we are a people for God’s own possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. For once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God.

Sharing Time

(have everyone share one thing that struck them from the sermon)

Song

(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

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!*