

# Guide for Home Worship

May 17, 2020

## Introduction

*(please listen to the introduction before proceeding with the rest of the order of worship)*

## Opening Prayer

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

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 3 (ESV)*

LEADER: O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God."

PEOPLE: *But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill. I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.*

LEADER: Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

ALL: *Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!*

## Songs and Liturgy

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

### COME BEHOLD THE WONDEROUS MYSTERY

(Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleeker)

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King.  
He the theme of heaven's praises,  
Robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing in our darkness,  
Now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ who condescended,  
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
He the perfect Son of Man.  
In His living in His suff'ring,  
Never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam,  
Come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners,  
Hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption,  
See the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory,  
Grace unmeasured love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
Slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,  
How unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected,  
As we will be when He comes.

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 62 (ESV)**

LEADER: For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.

PEOPLE: *He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.*

LEADER: How long will all of you attack a man  
to batter him,  
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?  
They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.  
They take pleasure in falsehood.  
They bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly they curse.

PEOPLE: *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.  
He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

LEADER: On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

ALL: *Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.*

**JESUS PAID IT ALL**

(Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall, John Thomas Grape, Kristian Stanfill, 1865)

I hear the Savior say,  
“Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.”

**CHORUS:**

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper’s spots  
And melt the heart of stone. (CHORUS)

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt,  
And raised this life up from the dead.

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I’ll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. (CHORUS)

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt,  
And raised this life up from the dead.

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete,  
Jesus died my soul to save,  
My lips shall still repeat. (CHORUS)

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## Prayer Time

*(have an open time of prayer or appoint one or two to pray. Specific prayer requests for this week are listed below.)*

- Pray for the racial and cultural tensions in our nation, especially in light of the trauma surrounding the shooting of Ahmaud Arbery. Pray for Ahmaud's family, as well as for all that are struggling to feel safe and valued. Pray that all of us would grow in empathy, understanding and compassion for one another—that we might be those that experience “just mercy” and so seek to live out (Titus 3:1-8; James 3:17-18).
- Pray for wisdom for our government officials as they seek to lead us in a peaceful, just and liberty-driven manner, so that the gospel and the fruit of the gospel may flourish in our land (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- You may know that we are in the final days of Ramadan, a holy month for Muslims characterized by fasting and praying. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and is one of the highest forms of Islamic worship. The last ten days, which we are currently in, are believed to be especially blessed. The 27<sup>th</sup> night (May 19<sup>th</sup>) is “laylat al-qadr,” meaning “night of power” or “night of destiny.” It marks what Muslims believe to be the night when Muhammed received his first revelation of the Qur'an. Let us pray together that during this time of spiritual intensity within the Muslim community, combined with the intensity of the COVID pandemic, that our Muslim friends would come to know the saving grace of Jesus. Let us pray for our Christian workers all across the globe as they have spiritual conversations during this time of heightened awareness of spiritual matters.

## Listen to Sermon

### “An Explanation of the Lord's Supper”

preached by Pastor Don Willeman

### Sermon Outline

- The Lord's Supper is Incarnational
- The Lord's Supper is Institutional
- The Lord's Supper is Proclamational
- The Lord's Supper is Examinational

### 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup> For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, <sup>19</sup> for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. <sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. <sup>21</sup> For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup> What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks

judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

<sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— <sup>34</sup> if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

## 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)*

### BEHOLD THE LAMB (COMMUNION HYMN)

(Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stewart Townend)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us, and we remember  
The promise made  
That all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you, eat and remember;  
The wounds that heal  
The death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you, drink and remember.  
He drained death's cup  
That all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond, and to remember  
Our call to follow  
In the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

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## Benediction

*(The leader or individual should read this aloud relishing in the confident assertion that Christ has conquered.)*

*from 2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)*

LEADER: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

PEOPLE: Amen!