

# Guide for Home Worship

## July 12, 2020

### Opening Prayer

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

### Call to Worship

*Romans 5:1-8 (ESV)*

LEADER: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: *Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

LEADER: Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character

PEOPLE: *And character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

### Songs and Liturgy

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

#### COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

(Robert Robinson & Asahel Nettleton, 1757)

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine "Ebenezer";  
Hither by Thy help I come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure;  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry  
Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me  
Till I'm home with Thee at last.

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## RESPONSIVE READING:

*Adapted from 1 Peter 1*

LEADER: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

PEOPLE: *According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

LEADER: In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

ALL: *Though we have not seen him, we love him. Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of your souls.*

## BE STILL MY SOUL

(Katharine von Schlegel 1697, Jason Ingram, Kari Jobe)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side:  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.  
  
Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

In you I rest, in You I find my hope.  
In you I trust, You never let me go.  
I place my life within your hands alone  
Be still, my soul.  
  
Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

In you I rest, in You I find my hope.  
In you I trust, You never let me go.  
I place my life within your hands alone  
Be still, my soul.

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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.
- Pray for the Willeman family as Dori recovers from her surgery.

## Listen to Sermon

### **“Faith, Forgotten and Abandoned”**

preached by Pastor Don Willeman

#### **Psalm 13:1-6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
<sup>2</sup> How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?  
<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,  
<sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.  
<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

## Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed (circa 5th Century)*

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

*PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe 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 arose  
again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence 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.*

\*i.e. suffered under the judgment of God for His people \*\*i.e. “universal”

## 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)*

## IN CHRIST ALONE

(Stuart Townend, Keith Getty)

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His, and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand,  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## 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!