

# Guide for Home Worship

March 14, 2021

## 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. 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.

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

LEADER: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—

ALL: *But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

## Song

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

### ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

(St. Francis, 1225, & William H. Draper 1928, Jonathan Baird, Ryan Baird)

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in His great love,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin.  
Cast all your burdens now on Him,  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign.  
Heaven and earth will join to say,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King,  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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## Sharing

- What's one thing that you're learning, challenged by, or encouraged with from our series in the book of Haggai?
- As this is being highlighted in the book of Haggai, what are some steps that we could be taking to make our walks with Jesus a greater priority?
- What sorts of things motivate you most to pursue and nurture your walk with Jesus?

## Prayer Time

*(You may have an open time of prayer or select someone to pray)*

- Pray for our shared churches, that we might be deeply motivated by the grace of God, and led to prioritize Him more and more as a result.
- Pray for our world – that the good news of Jesus Christ would flourish and that many would come to know God genuinely and personally.
- Pray for those in authority at every level in our country, that they would govern wisely and justly.

## Listen to Sermon

### “A Purification Appraisal“

preached by Pastor Doug Cooper

### Haggai 2:10-19 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, <sup>11</sup>“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Ask the priests about the law: <sup>12</sup>‘If someone carries holy meat in the fold of his garment and touches with his fold bread or stew or wine or oil or any kind of food, does it become holy?’” The priests answered and said, “No.” <sup>13</sup>Then Haggai said, “If someone who is unclean by contact with a dead body touches any of these, does it become unclean?” The priests answered and said, “It does become unclean.” <sup>14</sup>Then Haggai answered and said, “So is it with this people, and with this nation before me, declares the Lord, and so with every work of their hands. And what they offer there is unclean. <sup>15</sup>Now then, consider from this day onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of the Lord, <sup>16</sup>how did you fare? When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were but twenty. <sup>17</sup>I struck you and all the products of your toil with blight and with mildew and with hail, yet you did not turn to me, declares the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the Lord’s temple was laid, consider: <sup>19</sup>Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you.”

## Confession of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism (1563) Lord’s Day 9*

LEADER: What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

*CONGREGATION: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.*

*I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.*

*He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.*

## 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)*

### **HIS MERCY IS MORE**

(Matt Papa, Matt Boswell)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

#### CHORUS:

Praise the Lord,  
His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

#### (CHORUS)

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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!