

Home Worship Guide

March 14, 2021

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 5:1-3 (ESV)

LEADER: Give ear to my words, O Lord;
consider my groaning.

PEOPLE: Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.

LEADER: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice;

PEOPLE: In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

Songs & Liturgy

(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!

©2013 Sovereign Grace Worship (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) CCLI License #1791178

PSALM MEDITATION – Psalm 5:4-10 (ESV)

LEADER: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.

*PEOPLE: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.*

LEADER: You destroy those who speak lies;
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

*PEOPLE: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.*

LEADER: I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.

*PEOPLE: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.*

LEADER: For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is destruction;

*PEOPLE: Their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.*

LEADER: Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;

*PEOPLE: Because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.*

Sharing

(as a lead into the Prayer Time, as a group share how you are feeling and what you are learning)

Prayer Time

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

- Pray for our church's short and long-term meeting place needs, that God would give us favor in the eyes of those in authority and that He would give us provision that would go far beyond all that we could ask or imagine.
- 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 experiencing injustices; specifically, that God would bring hope, reconciliation, and restoration through the good news of His Son, and that we would be agents of this reconciliation.
- Pray for those in authority at every level in our country, that they would govern wisely and justly.

Listen to Sermon

“Blessing for the Defiled”

Haggai 2:10-19, Zechariah 3:1-4

preached by Scott Sottosanti

Scripture Passage

Haggai 2

¹⁰On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, ¹¹“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Ask the priests about the law: ¹²‘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.” ¹³Then 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.” ¹⁴Then 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. ¹⁵Now then, consider from this day onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of the Lord, ¹⁶how 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. ¹⁷I 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. ¹⁸Consider 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: ¹⁹Is 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.”

Zechariah 3

¹Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ²And the Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?” ³Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. ⁴And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.”

Song of Response

(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)

©2016 Messenger Hymns (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) CCLI #1791178

Confession of Faith

adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism (1563) Question 60

LEADER: How are you righteous before God?

CONGREGATION: Only by a true faith in Jesus Christ;

*So that, though my conscience accuse me,
that I have grossly transgressed all the commandments of God,
and kept none of them, and am still inclined to all kinds of evil;*

*Notwithstanding, God, without any merit of mine, but only of mere grace,
grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness
and holiness of Christ;*

*Even so, God views me as if I never had committed any sin:
indeed, as if I had fully accomplished all that obedience
which Christ has accomplished for me;
Inasmuch as I embrace such benefit with a trusting heart.*

LEADER: Indeed! This is the good news that frees you to truly love God and serve others.

Sharing Time

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

Closing Meditation

Psalms 5:11-12 (ESV)

LEADER: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,

*PEOPLE: And spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.*

LEADER: For you bless the righteous, O Lord;

PEOPLE: You cover him with favor as with a shield.

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!