

Order of Worship for April 5th, 2020

Worship through Adoration

OPENING PSALM

Psalm 118:1, 19-24

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever...
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

SONG OF ADORATION

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right (next page)

WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does,
And follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road;
He holds me that I shall not fall;
And so to Him I leave it all,
And so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path,
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He has sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away;
And patiently I wait His day,
And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;
And pain and sorrow shall depart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall;
And so to Him I leave it all,
And so to Him I leave it all.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

At this point you can pause to offer your own prayer of adoration and praise to God. To help prompt you to pray a prayer of praise ask yourself one of the following questions:

- What Scriptural passage about who God is can I turn into a prayer of praise? (e.g. Job 9:4-12)
- What character or attribute of God can I focus on and give Him praise for? (e.g. His Sovereignty, Goodness, Justice, Faithfulness, etc.)

Worship through Confession and Thanksgiving

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeremiah 2:11-13

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for that which does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
declares the Lord,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Reflect on the passage above and ask God 'to search your heart and try your thoughts' and confess the ways that you have fallen short of His glory in thought, word, and deed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Heavenly Father,

Forgive us for we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We have not thirsted after you as the deer thirsts for streams of water.

Your presence and Your glory has not been the supreme desire of our hearts.

We have worshipped and served the creation rather than the Creator. We have crafted idols in our heart.

Help us to remember that there is nothing on earth that compares with You and that we have no good apart from You.

Keep us from idols and bind our wandering hearts to Thee.

In the Name of Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE IN CHRIST

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

And I will give you a new heart,
and a new spirit I will put within you.

And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit within you,
and cause you to walk in my statutes
and be careful to obey my rules.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

O Great God (next page)

O GREAT GOD

O great God of highest heaven
 Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
 Conquer every rebel power
 Let no vice or sin remain
 That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
 Make me Yours forevermore

 I was blinded by my sin
 Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
 Had no taste for heaven's joys
 Then Your Spirit gave me life
 Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
 Gave me endless hope and peace

 Help me now to live a life
 That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
 From the evils that I face
 You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
 O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

Worship through Preaching and Hearing

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Luke 19:37-40

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor Andrew Jacobson

Blessed is the King

SONG OF RESPONSE

Crown Him with Many Crowns (next page)

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds began,
And ye, who tread where He hath trod,
Crown Him the Son of man;
Who every grief hath known
That wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His own,
That all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of love!
Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye
At mysteries so bright!

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high.
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords,
Who over all doth reign
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
For ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light,
Where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night,
Their God, Redeemer, King.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Christian, what do you believe concerning the Lord Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pray that....

1. God would use this health epidemic to show people that He is the Father of Compassion and the God of all Comfort.
2. God would give Christian doctors, nurses, and first responders opportunities to share the Gospel with those who are suffering.
3. God would enable and give wisdom to the researchers and doctors who are seeking to discover new treatment plans and a vaccine for this virus.
4. God would use this to teach us that as wonderful as our healthcare system is and as advanced as modern medicine is it cannot ultimately defeat death, only Christ can.

DEPARTING SONG

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

from Jude 24-25

May the Lord keep us from stumbling and present us blameless before His glorious presence with great joy, to Him be all glory and honor, Amen.