

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## AT HOME LITURGY

May 3, 2020

This liturgy is set up to be led by the head of household in a family. Saints who worship alone are still encouraged to read aloud as directed. All directions are underlined.

### **Preparation for Worship**

Read and reflect on the following Scripture passage, praying for the Lord to bless your time of worship:

**Scripture for Meditation**

1 Corinthians 15:20-21

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

### **God Calls Us Into His Presence**

Read the following passage aloud together:

**Call to Worship**

Psalms 95:6-7

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker,  
For He is our God,  
And we are the people of His pasture,  
And the sheep of His hand.**

### ***We Respond to God's Call***

Stand and sing the following hymn together:

**Hymn of Praise, No. 310** *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

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## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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*After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3*

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when  
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the  
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and  
 5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

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joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your  
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.  
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

**Have leader pray the following prayer aloud, all responding with "Amen":**

**Prayer of Adoration**

Our Father in heaven, we are gathered to rejoice that Your Son, Jesus, is our Lord and King. He died for our sins, was raised for our justification, and ascended to sit at Your right hand. From His throne above He is subduing His enemies and building His Kingdom. We thank You for graciously drawing us into the Kingdom by granting us faith in Jesus. In His name, we ask You to receive our worship and minister Your grace to us, that You may be glorified and that we may be built up in faith and equipped for Kingdom service. We ask these things in the name of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

**God Cleanses Us of Our Sins**

**Be seated. Have leader read the verses before and after, with all praying aloud together.**

**Call to Confession**

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Confession of Sin**

(kneel, as able)

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Stand.**

## Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## *We Respond to God's Declaration*

### All remain standing and sing together:

#### The Gloria Patri

(with hands lifted)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.*

### Be seated.

## God Consecrates Us By His Word

### Have leader pray the following prayer aloud, all responding with "Amen":

#### Prayer for Illumination

Lord, Your commandments are our delight. Your testimonies are righteous forever. Give us understanding of Your Word that we might live. This we ask, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### Have one person read each of the Scripture passages:

#### Old Testament Lesson    Psalm 33:13-22

The LORD looks from heaven;  
He sees all the sons of men.  
From the place of His dwelling He looks  
On all the inhabitants of the earth;  
He fashions their hearts individually;  
He considers all their works.  
No king is saved by the multitude of an army;  
A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.  
A horse is a vain hope for safety;  
Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,  
On those who hope in His mercy,  
To deliver their soul from death,  
And to keep them alive in famine.  
Our soul waits for the LORD;  
He is our help and our shield.  
For our heart shall rejoice in Him,  
Because we have trusted in His holy name.  
Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,  
Just as we hope in You.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Lesson**    Philippians 3:17-21

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame— who set their mind on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Homily:**    “The Hope of Heavenly Citizenship”

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## *We Respond to God's Instruction*

Have leader ask, "Christians, what do we believe?" Then, all respond by reciting the creed together:

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayer of the Church**

**Have leader read each section of prayer, all responding after "God of all mercies," with "Hear our prayer" and final "Amen."**

"No one is holy like the LORD, for there is none besides You; nor is there any rock like our God." We offer up to You our thanksgiving for all Your generosity to us, especially in preserving our health, sanity, and security.

God of all mercies,                   **People: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Your churches throughout the nations and around our city. Give them all the resources they need to serve You faithfully and well, and the heart they need to serve You in sincerity. Deliver our persecuted brothers and sisters that they may serve You in peace and joy.

God of all mercies,                   **People: Hear our prayer.**

Please help us in this congregation that our families may be filled with godliness and holiness. May those who are single remain consecrated and joyful in their singleness and the married be charitable, gracious, and faithful. Give all parents encouragement and energy and help in raising their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. May the children love You with all their hearts, souls, and minds, and their neighbors as themselves. And may the senior saints live out their remaining days in the joy and peace of your Holy Spirit.

God of all mercies,                   **People: Hear our prayer.**

We remember before You those who need to repent of their sins and embrace Your Son in genuine faith. Draw them unto Jesus in humility, and glorify Him through their conversion.

God of all mercies,                   **People: Hear our prayer.**

O Lord God, You have blessed us with civil government to restrain evil and promote justice. We ask You to take our governmental authorities in hand and turn their hearts

and deliberations in ways that will be truly good for our country and state. Guide our nation to restored health at every level.

God of all mercies,                    **People: Hear our prayer.**

Guide the nations and leaders of the earth so that all peoples, especially Your Church, may be safe and secure. Arrest this pandemic, and mend the damage it has caused in lives and livelihoods.

God of all mercies,                    **People: Hear our prayer.**

Finally, Lord, we thank You for Your generous goodness to us, and that You take pleasure in those who fear You, in those who hope in Your steadfast love. We thank You for demonstrating Your love for us by saving us through Your Son, Jesus Christ who, with You and the Holy Spirit, reign as one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

## **God Commissions Us to Go Into the World**

**Hymn of Commitment, No. 565**

*All for Jesus*

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light, by day and night, is the law of God Al - might - y.  
 light, by day and night, is the law of God Al - might - y.  
 way of righ - teous men and un - god - ly ways will per - ish.

*D.S. al Fine*

Michael Baughen, 1969

BLESSED IS THE MAN 11.14.12.12.8.8.  
 Michael Baughen, 1969  
 Arr. by Jim Thornton, 1969

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All for Jesus!

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*Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Rom. 12:1*

1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - sored pow'rs,  
 2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;  
 3. World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,  
 4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;  
 5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,

all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.  
 let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.  
 • boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.  
 so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.  
 deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

Mary D. James, 1889

WYCLIFF 8.7.8.7.  
 John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887

**Closing Prayer**

**Have all pray aloud together Psalm 67:1:**

**God be merciful to us and bless us,**

**And cause His face to shine upon us. Amen.**