

AT HOME LITURGY

March 22, 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

Psalm 62:8

Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

God Calls Us Into His Presence

Read the following passage aloud together:

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to him with psalms.
For the LORD is the great God,
And the great King above all gods.

We Respond to God's Call

Stand and sing the following hymn together:

Hymn of Praise, No. 30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are printed below the melody line.

System 1:

Chords: F C, F C, Am Dm, G C, Am Em, Am D, G

Lyrics:
 1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

System 2:

Chords: C F, Dm G, C F, E C, F C, Dm G, C

Lyrics:
 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

From Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1719
Alt. 1990, mod.

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Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

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

Prayer of Adoration

O God, You are our help in ages past and our hope for years to come. From everlasting You are God, and You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. We praise You as our faithful God who has provided salvation for us in Your Son. Receive now our worship as we offer it to You in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Word made flesh, 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

Psalm 45:3

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

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. *[silent prayer of confession]*
Amen.

Stand.

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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 one person pray the following prayer aloud, all responding with "Amen":

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, Your words are pure words,
Like silver refined in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.
As Your pure words are now read and proclaimed,
Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we might understand them,
Believe them, and live by them.
This we pray, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Have one person read each of the Scripture passages:

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 110:1-7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 7: 20-28

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Homily: Listen to the short message posted on the homepage of church website: www.cpcjackson.org

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."

Our Father, whose blessed Son our Savior gave His back to the smiters and did not hide His face from shame: give us all that we need to endure the sufferings of this present time with grace and joy, as well as sure and certain confidence of the glory that shall be revealed in us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Our Lord, we pray for Your Church in all places, for this congregation, and all congregations in Jackson where Your Word is faithfully proclaimed. Help us that we may be strengthened to greater and greater faithfulness, that no matter what we face, we will always walk in Your ways. Take care of all our needs, providing for us bountifully from Your generosity.

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

Please turn the hearts of our enemies away from hate and maliciousness, and bring them into Your fold. Give us daily grace to love our enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return, that we may show ourselves to be the sons of the Most High.

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

We beseech You to lift up Your face upon those in hard times, dark times, and dry times. Comfort those in grief; strengthen those in weakness; deliver those in distress; refresh those who are weary; and restore hope to those who feel hopeless.

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

Please safeguard our country, and deliver us from the threat of the coronavirus. Guide our civic leaders at every level of government to act with prudence and not fear, and to do so in ways that will most effectively bring blessing to the people they serve. Watch over and protect medical personnel who serve on the front lines in the battle against this sickness.

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, 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. 691

It Is Well with My Soul

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*The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

REFRAIN
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
"E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
with my soul;

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.