

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AT HOME LITURGY

April 5, 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

Revelation 7:9-10

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

God Calls Us Into His Presence

Read the following passage aloud together:

Call to Worship

Psalms 118:1, 8, 9, 29

**Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.
It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.
Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.**

We Respond to God's Call

Stand and sing the following hymn together:

Hymn of Praise, No. 235 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Listen to tune here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SzM6yNynRc>

(Note: organist on this video plays one extra verse)

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

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

Prayer of Adoration

Our loving God, as we offer ourselves to You this morning, we humbly ask that our worship may join that of Your angel hosts as they praise our Redeemer King on high. We want to know You more truly, and pray that Your Holy Spirit would enlighten our minds and guide us into all truth. We seek to respond to Your truth with an increased measure of love, and pray that Your faithful and merciful hand would enlarge our hearts and teach us how to live our love. With confidence in the grace that You have abundantly bestowed on Your people throughout the ages, we ask these things in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, reign as 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

Your Word, O Lord, is very pure; therefore Your servants love it. Purify us now through the reading and preaching of Your Word, that we may trust You fully and serve You faithfully. This we pray, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Have one person read each of the Scripture passages:

Old Testament Lesson Zechariah 9:9-10

*"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
And the horse from Jerusalem;
The battle bow shall be cut off.
He shall speak peace to the nations;
His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.'"*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your King is coming to you,
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!"

And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise be to You, O Christ!

Homily: [Listen to the message posted on the homepage of the church website: www.cpcjackson.org](http://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."

God, whose gracious love for us embraced that long and lonely journey to the cross, gather us close to You in these days when we again make that journey in meditation and remembrance.

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

Help us to contemplate again the way taken by our Savior: the false charges against Him, the fear and flight of the disciples, the kiss of betrayal, the crown of thorns, the purple robe – and in such contemplation guide us to take up our crosses to follow Him. Help us to remember that He has gone before us, so we look to Him for compassion and forgiveness, knowing He is able to save.

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

When we are weak, make us strong; when hurt and resentful, make us forgiving; when defeated and discouraged, make us hopeful. Keep us from asking for mercy without giving it ourselves, from praying for Your Kingdom but not seeking it first in our own lives.

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

In this week, deepen our faith by Your matchless grace. Deepen the measure of our gratitude and Christian obedience. Move us, who have so much, to share with others who have so little, especially in this time of national crisis.

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

Guard and guide us through these days of meditation and remembrance. Guard and guide us through all our days until we come at last to that day when all our days and journeys will be gathered into Your eternity, and we shall live with You forever. We ask these things 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. 310

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Listen to tune here: <https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/146>

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 - joice, 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 - joice 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 - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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.