

A LITURGY FOR WORSHIPING AT HOME  
May 24, 2020

INVITATION

*Psalm 145:1-5*

I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

[*Quiet*]

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

SONG

“How Firm A Foundation”

<https://youtu.be/ZLDWfnf15Dc>

1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

2

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

3

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

4

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Westminster Larger Catechism: Question 160*

Q. Christian, what is required of those that hear the Word preached?

A. It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have turned away from You, and have sought our own way. We grieve our waywardness of heart before You, and we humbly repent. We ask for Your mercy to forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. In His name we pray. Amen.

[*Quiet*]

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 8:1*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

## SONG

“Come Thou Almighty King”

<https://youtu.be/fhj2YCMIKTM>

1

Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing.  
Help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

2

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword.  
Our prayer attend,  
Come, and Thy people bless  
And give Thy Word success  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.

3

Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear.  
In this glad hour:  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

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## PRAYING TOGETHER

- That the Lord will glorify Himself through the pandemic and draw many to saving faith in Christ; that His Church will be a faithful witness to the hope that is in us.
- That the Lord will end the pandemic and restore those with the virus to full health.
- For our African-American brothers and sisters, as they mourn and grieve the death of Ahmaud Arbery, and for the fears and hurts the situation brings to the surface.
- That the Lord will protect those serving on the frontlines of the pandemic, particularly those in our CtK family: Val Gorman, Billy Hollingsworth, Carolyn Bush, Julie Calcote, and Carol Hollingsworth.
- For peace and encouragement for the Pitts family as they anticipate Eloise's scan on May 26.
- That the Lord will watch over Sandy DeVries as she recovers from heart surgery, and that He will sustain both her and Jim during these days.
- That the Lord will watch over Karis Keating, and give Brad, Christy, and the doctors wisdom as they care for her.
- That the Lord will continue to give strength to Wanda Williams as she cares for Horace, and that He will give them both rest and protection from the virus.
- That the Lord will watch over Hanna Jackson as she nears the due date for delivery; that He will protect the whole Jackson family from the virus or any other health concern that could raise complications surrounding the birth of Baby Jackson.
- That the Session and Reopening Committee would have the Lord's wisdom and insight as they explore resuming worshipping in person.
- For refreshment and safety for Pastor Todd and his family while on vacation.
- That the Lord will ground us in the hope of the Gospel, that we might not be fearful but rest in the love of Christ for us.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
 From where does my help come?  
<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
 who made heaven and earth.  
<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
 he who keeps you will not slumber.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel  
 will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
 the LORD is your shade on your right hand.  
<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
 nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
 he will keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep  
 your going out and your coming in  
 from this time forth and forevermore.

[*Quiet*]

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear."

<sup>18</sup> "Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

SONG

“Hallelujahs”

<https://youtu.be/hwfsSzIRY8o>

1

A purple sky to close the day  
I wade the surf where dolphins play  
The taste of salt, the dance of waves  
And my soul wells up with hallelujahs

2

A lightning flash, my pounding heart  
A breaching whale, a shooting star  
Give testimony that You are  
And my soul wells up with hallelujahs

CHORUS

O, praise Him, all His mighty works  
There is no language  
Where You can't be heard  
Your song goes out to all the Earth  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

3

O cratered moon and sparrow's wings  
O thunder's boom and Saturn's rings  
Unveil our Father as you sing  
And my soul wells up with hallelujahs

CHORUS

4

The pulse of life within my wrist  
A fallen snow, a rising mist  
There is no higher praise than this  
And my soul wells up, oh my soul wells up  
Yes, my soul wells up with hallelujahs

CHORUS

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BLESSING

*Revelation 5:13*

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”