

Family Worship Guide

New Life Presbyterian

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Call to Worship.

Psalm 100:1-2 (ESV)

(all read together)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

Opening Hymn

Holy Holy Holy.

(sing or read together)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns, around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,

Who wert and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise; Thy name, In earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Invocation.

(Augustine's Invocation)

(head of household prays)

You are Great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; Great is Your power, and Your wisdom is infinite. You, would we praise without ceasing. You call us to delight in Your praise, for You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until we rest in You; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith.

Shorter Catechism Questions 49 to 51

(all recite together)

Q. 49. Which is the second commandment?

⁴ You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

The Lord's Prayer.

(all pray together)

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. *Amen.*

Open Prayer Time

(Book of Common Prayer)

(head of household reads)

At this time I invite your prayer requests and thanksgivings.

(allow some time for others to pray out loud)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Confession of Sin.

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

(all read together)

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.”

Meditation

(Here we pause in silence to meditate upon our sin and need for forgiveness.)

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16-17 (ESV)

(head of household reads)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

Hymn of Grace

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(sing or read together)

Come Thou Fount of every blessing; Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor; Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Scripture Reading.

Exodus 20:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Additional Scripture Reading.

Exodus 20:22-26 (ESV)

²² And the LORD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven.

²³ You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold.

²⁴ An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.

²⁵ If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it.

²⁶ And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.’

Sermon

“The Second Commandment: In His Own Words”

(Note: Now play the CD/DVD of Pastor Jared's Sermon or follow the link below)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIHXL9a70hprumUJOMnSmXw>

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Hymn.

Doxology

(sing or read together)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

An Ending Gospel Promise.

1 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)

(head of household reads)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

TABLE TALK:

(These are questions to talk about over the dinner table, or for your own devotions, based on the text and sermon this week)

- 1) *Why should we worship God according to His commands?*
- 2) *Why should we avoid making God into images of our imagination? Why can't we make images of God, if He makes images of Himself?*
- 3) *What is the primary way we are to worship God if not by images?*
- 4) *In what ways does God give us visual help in worship?*
- 5) *How is Christ the ultimate fulfillment of the Second Commandment?*
- 6) *In what ways are we tempted to walk by sight, that we must guard ourselves against this week?*

Prayer: Take some time to pray together, and if you are looking for topics, use the included Prayer Guide on the next page.

PRAYER GUIDE: How Do I pray in this time?

Brothers and Sisters, we are to “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) which means simply being in a regular habit of prayer. What shall we pray for? I want to give you 10 things you can pray for right now.

1. **For the most isolated or potentially at risk.** For those lacking family or friends. For those who are more sick or vulnerable. And for those who have little help – pray for their “daily bread” (daily provision).
2. **For moms and dads of little ones.** Many moms and dads are now having their kids at home from school. Pray that they would manage this major change well during this time (huge schedule-jostling), that they would use this time to teach their children about God (Deuteronomy 6:6-9), perhaps to start a new Bible-reading time together. To renew family bonds and have patience.
3. **For your civic leaders.** The Bible commands us to pray for those who lead us “*kings and all who are in high positions*” (1 Timothy 2:2). Pray for your President Trump, Congress, and the Surgeon General . Pray for the wisdom and endurance of your local leaders: Dr. Rachel Levine, the Secretary of Health for all of PA, Governor Tom Wolf, and for your County Commissioners and local authorities.
4. **For Christian pastors and elders.** We have to make a lot of organizational decisions, including Resurrection Sunday coming, and we are balancing wise protective decisions of love with the greatest need for knowing and proclaiming the gospel.
5. **For healthcare workers.** Nurses, doctors, and techs have a calling of mercy. They are a gift to our community. But they need strength and grace as they may be working long hours, in exposed settings, to show love and mercy to the afflicted. Pray hard for them!
6. **For our economy and especially our wage-earners.** Please pray that the worldwide economy is only as adversely affected as would bring God’s greater good. Especially right now, pray for our individual storeowners, airline, hospitality and event-coordination companies who are losing all kinds of business. Pray especially for all our wage-earners/hourly employees, who depend on open thriving businesses and organizations for having a job and drawing an income. Those who live off tips will be hard hit with restaurants closing.
7. **For your local church.** Pray for producing fruitful online resources, and for us to learn all the technology we need to bring it to you. Pray for your elders and deacons in this time! And especially, pray for one another. We are the local church and even if we may not *see* each other, we can still call each other to encourage each other in the gospel and our Savior.
8. **For clear understanding of the gospel.** Whether people accept or reject it, pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ, may be heard. People in illness need the Shepherd (Psalm 23). People feeling isolated need the Trinity (Ephesians 3:14-17), the Father (3:14), the older Brother Christ (Romans 8:29), the Helper Spirit (John 16:7), and a family called the church (Mark 12:48-50). People who may be in general fear need the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ (Isaiah 9:6). People need the Lord.
9. **For spiritual awakening in Jesus Christ.** Among nonbeliever and believer alike. Will God bring back his lost sheep during this time? Would he awaken faith in a new way? Will he open ears and hearts to a deeper disciplined knowledge of Christ’s love? “That you may have strength ... to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:19).
10. **For your own soul.** Pray that you would “make the best use of the time” (Ephesians 5:16) and this might be a time you look back on and realize that “it was good that I was afflicted” (Psalm 119:71) because of what God taught me and the spiritual fruit He brought forth.