

TLC In-Home Worship (Personal/Family)

Note from PM: Greetings from TLC! My family and I miss you deeply. We are praying for you and asking for your prayers in return. Until we can safely meet in the sanctuary again, here is a service for you to use in your home. While at-home worship is a bit different to be sure, it is a very good thing to practice for all of us. I hope you find it to be a blessing for your faith and life with Jesus Christ!



Opening Prayer: O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for this day You have made! As we come to worship, please open our hearts to all Your great mercies that are new with each morning, that we may turn from our sins, trust in Christ our Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name. Amen!

(Make a sign of the cross (nose, belly button, nose, left ear, right ear, nose) to remember your baptism. Having water available to dip your hand(s) is also a good practice at this time. Remember always: You are a child of God!)

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made! **All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to the place of its setting: **All: the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

(Take a moment in quiet reflection to confess your sins. Remember that silence is a great blessing for time with God.)

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

All: Almighty God, please have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: Because of God's great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent in order to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus, He gives the grace to become His own children and grants them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord continue His good work within us! **All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

***The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!***

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.

He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong 'till ev'ry heart to Him belong.



***Worthy is the Lamb
whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!***

The Lamb, LSB #547

(Feel free to slow down with the Ten Commandments & Apostles' Creed as an opportunity to work on memorization or specific application of one of the commandments / sections of the creed. These are fundamentals of our faith. Christians have always believed that these cannot be "overdone"- the more we focus on them, the better!)

All: 1. You shall have no other gods. 2. You shall not take God's name in vain. 3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 4. Honor your father and your mother. 5. You shall not murder. 6. You shall not commit adultery. 7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. 10. You shall not covet anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray a blessing on God's Holy Word: **All: Lord, thank You for the gift of grace that is Your Word. Help us to listen, learn, and grow. Holy Spirit, You are welcome here! Please accomplish Your work in us today. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(Open your Bible(s) and read **EXODUS 16:1-35**. If gathered as a family, consider each person read verse-by-verse.)

Think/Talk About It



"Then you will know that I am the Lord your God."

1. How much time passed since the Israelites had left Egypt before they started complaining to Moses? How does this relate to us right now?
2. What kinds of things do you complain about? How do you think God feels about our complaints?
3. How does God answer the Israelites' complaints in the desert? What can we learn about Him from this?
4. Do you practice a "Sabbath" (day/time of worship and rest)? What kinds of things do you do or not do on your "Sabbath"?
5. Look at the Lord's Prayer below. What part of that prayer does this story of Israel connect to and what lesson can we learn from this?
6. Why did God want the people to save some of the manna, and how does this relate to our lives of faith today?

Leader: Let us pray an offering prayer: **All: Lord, we give You today what is already Yours, because You have given Your all for us. Help us to give our lives in return- our time, talents, and treasures- out of love for You and the sake of Your work in the world. Help us be cheerful givers today. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

(see note below for details on how to give)

(Take a moment to pray to God. Remember the "2 Best Prayers We Know: 'Thank You for...'" and 'Please help...'.") If gathered as a family, consider giving every person an opportunity to pray. Go around multiple times if you'd like!

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And 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.

Leader: God is good!

All: All the time!

Leader: And all the time-

All: God is good!

Leader: Let us bless the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

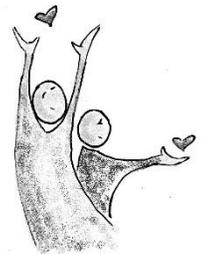
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Common Doxology



Optional Activity: "Jar of Faithfulness" In the Old Testament, the Israelites set up lots of ways to remember how God was faithful to them (for example, in this story, they stored up some manna to show future generations how God had provided for them). Collect items or write notes to remind you how God has provided for you and your family and put them in a jar. Keep your "jar of faithfulness" somewhere you can see it regularly and be reminded of God's faithfulness and care for you!