



In-Home Worship

(Personal/Family)

Matthew, The Tax Collector



Greetings from TLC! Thank you for downloading this resource and making the effort to practice Christian faith in your home. You will never regret it. May God bless you as you grow in your life with Jesus Christ!

All: O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, this is the day that You have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Thank You for bringing us together in worship today. Please bless our time with You and one another, and help us grow in Christian faith, community, and mission: All in the name of Jesus! Amen.

***Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.***

***Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.***



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! (Psalm 118)

Leader: From the rising of the sun

All: to the place where it sets,

Leader: the name of the Lord

All: is to be praised! (Psalm 113)

Leader: Go and learn what this means:

All: God desires mercy, not sacrifice.

Leader: Jesus came not to call the righteous,

All: but sinners. (Matthew 9)

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

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

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

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

"Pause the Picture"

Whether reflecting by yourself or discussing with others around you, take a moment and try to make a connection between the picture you see here and a truth about God, faith, and life. Be creative, have fun, and most of all- grow!



Leader: Let's speak the Apostles' Creed together:

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's 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. In Jesus' name. Amen.

From the Bible, read Psalm 51:1-12. If gathered as a family, consider reading verse-by-verse.

Think/Talk About It



1. Would you say you are a popular person? Why or why not?
2. Matthew was a Jew who worked as a tax collector for the Roman Empire. How do you think his fellow Jews felt about him? Why? What do you think his everyday life would have been like?
3. Even though Matthew was a sinner and everyone knew it, Jesus still called him to be His very own follower for life. What does that tell you about Jesus? What does that tell you about yourself?

Take time to pray to God. Remember the "2 Best Prayers We Know": "Thank You for..." and "Please help..."

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's bless the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!** Leader: Go in peace! **All: Serve the Lord! Amen.**

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;

In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,

Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!

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