

AT-HOME WORSHIP LITURGY

November 22, 2020

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Focus your minds and hearts on
worshiping God.

Read this Thanksgiving-themed Psalm:

Psalm 65:8-13

The whole earth is filled with awe at your
wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening
fades,
you call forth songs of joy.
You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.
You drench its furrows and level its
ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its
crops.
You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.
The grasslands of the wilderness
overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.
The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

Praise God by singing this setting of
Psalm 138:

“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”
(You can find a recording of our church
singing this song on YouTube.)

Verse 1

With grateful heart my thanks I bring;
before the “gods” your praise I sing.
I worship in your holy place

and praise you for your truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine
in your most holy Word divine,
in your most holy Word divine.

Verse 2

I cried to you, and you did save;
your word of grace new courage gave.
The kings of earth shall thank you, LORD,
for they have heard your wondrous word;
yes, they shall come with songs of praise
for great and glorious are your ways,
for great and glorious are your ways.

Verse 3

O LORD, enthroned in glory bright,
you reign alone in heavenly height;
the proud in vain your favor seek,
but you have mercy for the meek.
Through trouble though my pathway be,
you will revive and strengthen me,
you will revive and strengthen me.

Verse 4

You will stretch forth your mighty arm
to save me when my foes alarm.
The work you have for me begun
shall by your grace be fully done.
Your love forever will endure:
your mercy, LORD, is ever sure;
your mercy, LORD, is ever sure.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Read these words:

Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)

One of them, an expert in the law,
tested him with this question:
“Teacher, which is the greatest
commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.’

This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it:
'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Pray (you might ask a child to pray this prayer):

Holy God, you have given us many good gifts.

Today we thank you for all of them, but we also confess that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love you.

We confess wanting more and more things:

food, clothes, toys, and money.

Forgive us for not being content and thankful.

Forgive our selfishness.

Help us to love you more than everything else.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Read these words:

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest

who has ascended into heaven,

Jesus the Son of God,

let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Sing this Song in Thankfulness to Jesus Christ:

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"
(You can find a recording of our church singing this song on YouTube.)

Verse 1

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Verse 3

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive

What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Ending
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Offering:
You can contribute to the ministry of the church
and this month's special offering
online or by mailing a check to PO Box
9339, Fresno, CA, 93791.

SERMON

Watch the sermon on YouTube or listen
to the audio recording on CD.

SENDING

Prayer
Share prayer requests with the people in
your home.
Call or text another member of the church
to see what they are praying for.
Call or a text a family member and find
out how you can pray for them.
Now, pray for these things.

Closing Song of Praise

"By the Sea of Crystal"

(You can find a recording of our church
singing this song on YouTube.)

Verse 1

By the sea of crystal
saints in glory stand,
myriads in number,
drawn from every land.

Robed in white apparel,
washed in Jesus' blood,
they now reign in heaven
with the Lamb of God.

Verse 2
Out of tribulation,
death, and Satan's hand,
they have been translated
at the Lord's command.

In their hands they're holding
palms of victory.
Hark! the jubilant chorus
shouts triumphantly:

Verse 3
"Unto God Almighty,
sitting on the throne,
and the Lamb, victorious,
be the praise alone."

God has wrought salvation;
he did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee,
holy King of kings!

Read these words:
May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with
you.
(found in 1 Cor. 16:23, 1 Thes. 5:28, and 2
Thes. 3:18)

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