

Worship at Home Bulletin

For times when you can't be with
the church for worship...
but still are the church

JOB IS TESTED



*Even when we must worship from home it is good for us to
gather together in this way, through God's Spirit.*

We're glad you're here!

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SUGGESTIONS FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

At one time, worship at home was more common. Either due to weather, or not having a church that spoke your language. Families would hold worship at home using a common prayer book and a book of Sermons by Martin Luther or pastors from their homeland.

Here are some things you can do to “set the scene” for worshipping at home:

- Create an altar. This used to be fairly common. A cross on a wall or on a simple table with a family Bible. Find a place to gather, perhaps around the kitchen table or a coffee table. Bring out a candle, cross, and Bible. These are symbols of our faith and unite us together in worship as the Body of Christ. - Decide who will take the role of “Leader.” When it comes to the songs, feel free to sing out loud or read the text together. - You are welcome to remain seated throughout the entire liturgy, but we do encourage you to stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel. In our Lutheran tradition, we rise during the reading of the Gospel in order to meet Christ in the Word. - In place of communion, perhaps fill a bowl with water and place it on the table. Before you worship you may mark the sign of the cross on your forehead with the water to remember your baptism and that you are a beloved child of God. - Thank you for your faithful participation in worshipping and praising God. We hope this resource will be a blessing to you.

Holy Communion: We celebrate Holy Communion when we are gathered together. While we are saddened to not share the Body and Blood with you in person, the sacrament of Holy Communion is effective. Its blessing and mercy and power are yours and upon you even if we do not partake in the eating of the elements.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

You. You are a leader in the church and you are called for such a time as this to read the Word of God, to sing with praise, and to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ’s life death and resurrection.

Call to Worship

P: If a tree is cut down,

C: It will sprout again.

P: Though its root has grown old,

C: Still water can bring forth new branches.

P: So shall it be for us

C: When our Lord calls us to our eternal home.

Confessions and Forgiveness

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

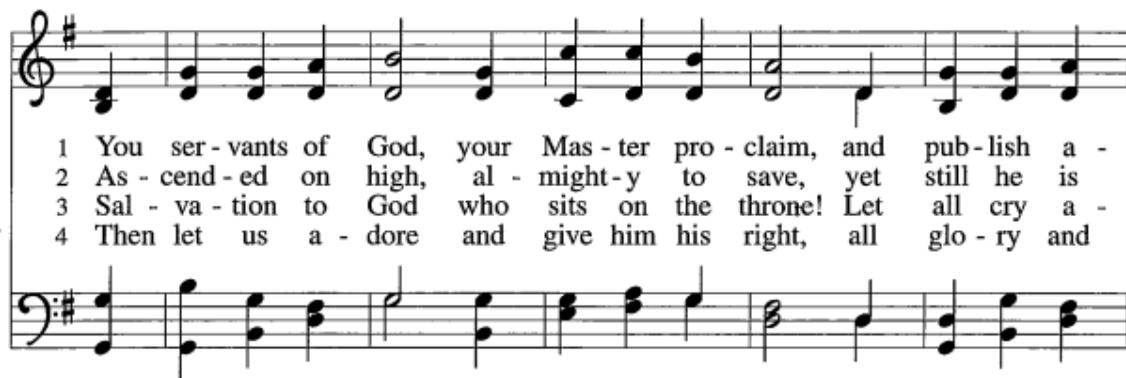
Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Gracious God,

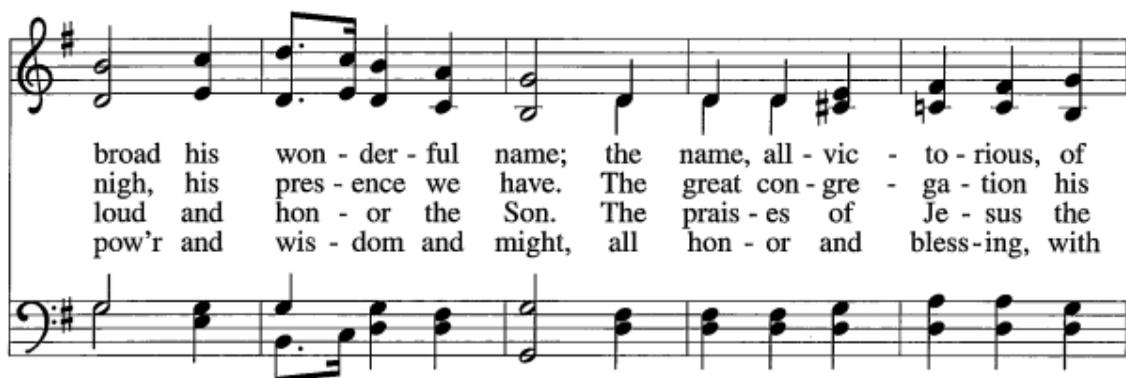
C: We are tempted to be thankful only when things are going well for us. We are tempted to take credit for all that is good in our lives. We conveniently forget that all things come from you. Forgive us for being shortsighted, arrogant and thoughtless. Cleanse our hearts and bring us back to your side, for you are all that we truly need.

P: God hears our repentance and answers our request for forgiveness. Receive the assurance of your creator's mercy and return to the loving embrace of the one who made, loved, and redeemed you. In Jesus' name,

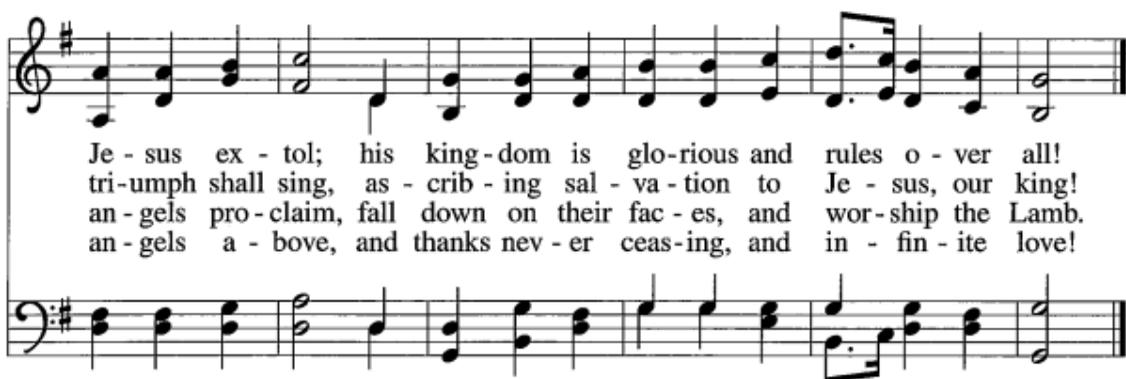
All: Amen.



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: In Fear the World is Weeping

1 In fear the world is weep - ing, and longs with ev - ery breath, for
2 Our lives are bound to - geth - er in sor - row and in prayer. In

life and hope and seek - ing new paths be - yond this death. And
life and death and na - ture the Ho - ly One gives air. A -

lov - ing hearts are risk - ing their lives that we may thrive. Praise
round the world show wis - dom, with o - pen hearts give care, a

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

God for those who la - bor, O may they stay a - live.
 new world calls us on - ward, sing hope now ev - ery - where.

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PASSION CHORALE

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Prayer of the Day

P: Eternal God, You have given us an unfailing promise: the gift of everlasting life for all who believe. Sustain us with this assurance, that hope might shine out of all we do for the sake of Jesus our Lord,

C: Amen.

Solo

Jason Riley

Prayer of Illumination

A: Dear Lord, As we read these scriptures, bring your understanding and reveal your truth. Open our minds, hearts and souls to all that these words of life offer us. We long to be continually challenged, transformed and renewed by your Word. May we hear your voice of life as we read and draw close to you.

C: Amen.

Job 14:7-15; 19:23-27 The Message

14 ¹⁻¹⁷ "We're all adrift in the same boat:

too few days, too many troubles.

We spring up like wildflowers in the desert and then wilt,
 transient as the shadow of a cloud.

Do you occupy your time with such fragile wisps?

Why even bother hauling me into court?

There's nothing much to us to start with;

how do you expect us to amount to anything?

Mortals have a limited life span.

You've already decided how long we'll live—
you set the boundary and no one can cross it.

So why not give us a break? Ease up!

Even ditchdiggers get occasional days off.

For a tree there is always hope.

Chop it down and it still has a chance—
its roots can put out fresh sprouts.

Even if its roots are old and gnarled,
its stump long dormant,

At the first whiff of water it comes to life,
buds and grows like a sapling.

But men and women? They die and stay dead.

They breathe their last, and that's it.

Like lakes and rivers that have dried up,
parched reminders of what once was,

So mortals lie down and never get up,
never wake up again—never.

Why don't you just bury me alive,
get me out of the way until your anger cools?

But don't leave me there!

Set a date when you'll see me again.

If we humans die, will we live again? That's my question.

All through these difficult days I keep hoping,
waiting for the final change—for resurrection!

Homesick with longing for the creature you made,
you'll call—and I'll answer!

You'll watch over every step I take,
but you won't keep track of my missteps.

My sins will be stuffed in a sack
and thrown into the sea—sunk in deep ocean.

19 ²³⁻²⁷ "If only my words were written in a book—
better yet, chiseled in stone!

Still, I know that God lives—the One who gives me back my life—

and eventually he'll take his stand on earth.
And I'll see him—even though I get skinned alive!—
see God myself, with my very own eyes.
Oh, how I long for that day!

Sermon

Elaine Gleason

Hymn 636 Red hymnal *How Small Our Span of Life*



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch - ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short - ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil - grim - age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with - in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,
You filled your cross - closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass - ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

The Apostles' Creed

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

A: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: We know that our redeemer lives, and that we also will live with him when our earthly lives have ended. Let us then rejoice in living with no fear of what comes next, and let us celebrate the days which we have been given. God of promise,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You have made this earth to renew itself, even where life has been destroyed. May we partner with nature to replenish trees, reduce pollution, and clean the oceans which sustain our planet. God of promise,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Give hope to those who have given up, and companionship to those who feel they have been abandoned. Send your Spirit's healing power to all whom we know need it most... God of promise,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We celebrate Onesimos Nesib and all who translate your word so that others may come to know you and your promises, and look forward to the fellowship they will share with others beyond this mortal life. God of promise,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered.

A: Into your capable hands we commend all of these prayers, and place our trust in your faithfulness to answer them in whatever way you choose, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering

We take a moment to thank God for the many blessings that God provides for us

The Doxology

**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.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

A: O God of justice and love we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast: through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

The Benediction

P: So now we leave this space of worship And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain, the path constantly changing, we know some things that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love. We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit is there, found in the space between all things, closer to us than our next breath, binding us to each other, until we meet again, Go in peace. The blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

(~ submitted by Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary United Church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada.)

Hymn 619 vs. 1,2,3,7,8 Red Hymnal

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Below the treble staff, there are four lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort; 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e - ; 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to ; 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to .

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |

Dismissal

A: The worship has ended. The service now begins. Go out and love your neighbor the way that Jesus loves us!

C: Thanks be to God.