

An Order of Worship That Can Be Used in the Home for **June 20, 2021**

~ *The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost* ~



If multiple people are participating, one may serve as leader, reading the light faced type, the rest reading the bold faced type.

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ LSB 915, vss 1, 2 & 4 (to be read or sung)

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

*Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.*

*Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav’n.*

*O all embracing Mercy,
O ever open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o’er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 38:1–11 (ESV)

(God puts creature Job in his place.)

38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³ Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

⁴ Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸ “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

Some thoughts to consider from this reading...

Job had wanted to find out from God why He was letting him go through so much suffering, even though he wasn't more sinful than the average person. "Unfair!" Here the Lord finally speaks to Job.

What facts does God ask Job to recount here? They have to do with what event? Do you think Job knew the correct answers?

What do these questions help Job to realize? What do they help you to realize about yourself?

What can we learn about our relationship with God from this?

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 6:1–13 (ESV)

(No matter the circumstances, now is the day of salvation.)

6 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Some thoughts to consider from this reading...

Paul writes these words to Christians living in Corinth, concerned they might be swayed away from the gospel by false teachers. They had a good start, but would they stay?

How dedicated is Paul to sharing the true gospel? What is he willing to endure as he tells it (verses 4-10)?

Along with his steadfastness in spite of hardships, what gifts of God are also present in his life (verses 6-10)? Notice the pairing of the good and evil, he suffers, and yet he lives. How can this guide you in how to handle times of suffering?

Is it good that we prioritize the gospel in our lives? Why?

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:35–41 (ESV)

(Jesus amazes the disciples by stilling the storm.)

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, *“Let us go across to the other side.”* ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, *“Peace! Be still!”* And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, *“Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”* ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”

Some thoughts to consider from this reading...

This passage is familiar and cherished by so many Christians. Do you like it? Why?

What emotions were the disciples showing? How about Jesus?

Upon being awakened, what did Jesus say? What happened?

Notice the disciples’ reaction. What did this show about Jesus? Can this give you confidence in life?

What “storms” have you faced in life? How did you feel in the middle of those crises?

Picture Jesus standing up there and saying, “Peace! Be still!”

What should be your attitude when life goes wrong?

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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 thence 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.

PRAYERS

Thanks to God for His power over nature and protection;

That God give us faith to trust Him beyond our understanding;

An end to this pandemic, health to the sick, protection to healthcare workers;

God to accomplish His good purposes through this pandemic, leading many to trust in Him;

God’s wisdom and guidance for our leaders, especially in providing peace and safety;

That God guide us into how we can best serve Him and our neighbor;

and any other needs of which you are aware – including names listed in the announcements,

especially ...Charlotte Russo...Sharon Goetz...Christopher Wright...Devin Wright...Dr. Kevin

Bush...Irene Wright...Aaron Lee, III...Andrea Lee...Troy Lee... Parker Holman... Mary

Gordon...Lethea Gordon... Joyce Gordon... Singleton Family...Howell Family...Janet...Phylis

Rudolph...Carolyn Yost...Faith Bowlin...Julia Rodney Melany Shea...Tony

Castro...Lucy...Morgan L...Dayton Boyd...Jackie McIntosh...Keith Neely...Margaret

McIntosh...Kirk Enders...Mary Clair Simon... Graduates of ~ 2021 ~ ...Family & friends of

Jeanette Engel †...Family & friends of Joann Ramsey †.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

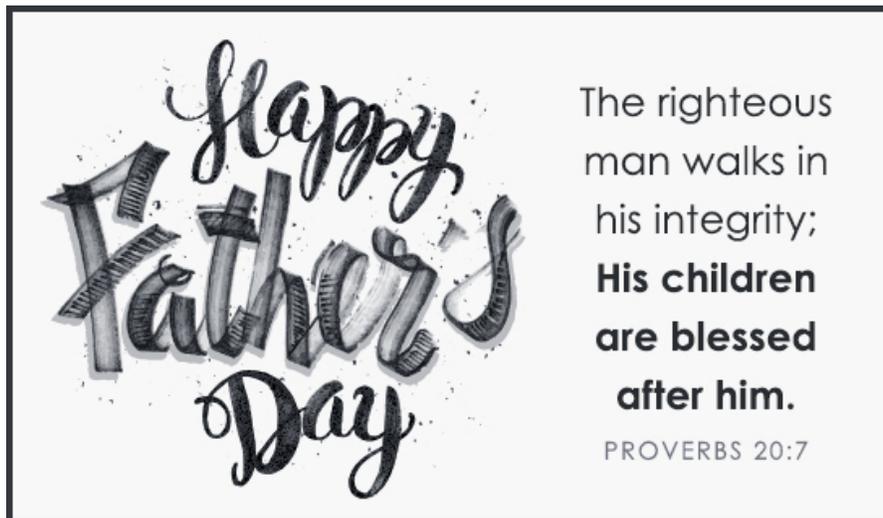
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve us.

People: **Amen.**



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