

Worship Guide

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Call to Worship (Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14)

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.
Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Christ Candle Lighting

* Please have a candle available in your home to light as the Christ candle while we worship.

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Alive In You

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Verse 1

From beginning to the end all my life is in Your hands
This whole world may hold me down but it can never drown You out
I'm not merely flesh and bone, I was made for something more

Chorus

You are God, You're the Great I Am, breath of life I breathe You in
Even in the fire I'm alive in You
You are strong in my brokenness, sovereign over every step
Even in the fire I'm alive, I'm alive in You

Verse 2

Through the dark I hear Your voice; rising up, I will rejoice
For I was lost but now I'm found; 'cause even death can't hold You down

Bridge

It's no longer I who live but Christ who lives within me
Christ who lives within me
From beginning to the end You deserve the glory
You deserve the glory

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Doxology (God Be Praised)

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Verse 1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit now with us
Every moment, all our days
God be praised, God be praised

Verse 2

Praise God with mornings breaking light
Praise Him through darkness of the night
Praise Him with every breath of life
Praise Him my soul with all your might

Verse 3

Praise God when face to face we see
The One who died to set us free
The One who rose in victory
Praise now forever Christ our King

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Jesus Strong and Kind

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Verse 1

Jesus said that if I thirst - I should come to him
No one else can satisfy - I should come to him

Verse 2

Jesus said if I am weak - I should come to him
No one else can be my strength - I should come to him

Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind

Verse 3

Jesus said that if I fear - I should come to him
No one else can be my shield - I should come to him

Verse 4

Jesus said if I am lost - He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross - He will come to me

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Prayers of the People

Our Father in Heaven, Almighty God, hear our prayer. How long will we have to hide in our homes from this invisible enemy? Where will it strike next? And whom? And what if...? Our screens relay a continuous escalation of suffering and death around the world. Panic and anxiety abounds. Our souls are weary from the strain of the life-altering unknowns.

From the depths of our pain and confusion, we cry out to You. From fear-filled hearts and anxious minds, we plead with You. Rescue us, Father of compassion and grace. We lift up our eyes to You, Lord God, the One who sits enthroned in heaven.

On all who have contracted the virus,

Lord have mercy.

On all who have lost loved ones to this sickness and are in mourning and anguish,

Lord have mercy.

On all who are unable to earn an income because their jobs have been suspended,

Lord have mercy.

We cry out for healing and needed resources.

We cry out for comfort and peace.

On all medical professionals and caretakers attending to those infected with the virus,

Christ have mercy.

On all scientists and technologists striving to find a vaccine and to make it available,

Christ have mercy.

On all leaders of institutions and governments
as they make decisions to try and contain the virus,

Christ have mercy.

We pray for strength in the long and exhausting hours of labor.

We pray for wisdom in the research and difficult decisions.

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On all who have not yet contracted the virus,

Lord have mercy.

On the most vulnerable of our society who are unable to buy extra food or get proper medical attention,

Lord have mercy.

On all disciples of Jesus Christ discerning how to reflect His love to others within this crisis,

Lord have mercy.

We plead for protection of health.

We plead for all to remain calm and kind.

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the expanse of the universe. And yet this earth is no longer as You created it to be. Our earth groans from the devastation caused by the curse of the Fall.

Our God, Your Word is true. One day You will liberate creation from its bondage to decay and death. Life is sacred and precious in your sight. You are the God who sees us and sustains us. Nothing can separate us from your unfailing love and kindness, not even sickness or the fear of tomorrow. You are our light as we walk in this darkness. We will remember to celebrate the beautiful gifts you have given us in this present moment.

Almighty God, you are our rock, our refuge from the enemy, our hiding place. You calm our frantic thoughts and fill our despairing hearts with joy and strength. In your presence living water springs forth in the wilderness. You restore our souls.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Amen.

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Christ Is Enough

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Verse 1

Christ is my reward and all of my devotion
Now there's nothing in this world that would ever satisfy
Through every trial my soul will sing
No turning back, I've been set free

Chorus

Christ is enough for me, Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in you, everything I need

Verse 2

Christ, my all in all, the joy of my salvation
And this hope will never fail, heaven is our home
Through every storm my soul will sing
Jesus is here, to God be the glory

Bridge

I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back
The cross before me, the world behind me, no turning back, no turning back
The cross before me, the world behind me, no turning back, no turning back