

## Home Worship Liturgy

3/22/2020

*Before we begin worship, I want to acknowledge that this situation is strange, different, and new for all of us. Many of us have worshipped in a sanctuary, chapel, or dedicated worship space for much, if not most, of our lives. And now we find ourselves worshipping much as the early church did not long after Jesus ascended: in small gatherings of perhaps only a few people. While this is new to us, our worship is no less real. God is with us, hears our prayers, and is glorified in what we are doing. Praise be to God! Pastor Chris*

### **Opening Prayer** (*Have one person read this out loud*)

With you, gracious God, we move into this time of worship, grateful that you are never further than the reach of our need and our prayer. You who tower over the universe are yet intimately present, always renewing the face of the earth, always renewing the faith of your children. Now, in your mercy, make your way past all that worries and distracts us to lodge in us anew and to center our small worship on your great glory. Amen.

*The Worship Sourcebook 2nd Edition Section 1.4.47*

**Songs of Praise and Hope** (*The words to the songs have been provided below. If you would like to sing along with a video, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.*)

### ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*** (Psalter Hymnal 249)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwuDSw-9cUQ>)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; (*Cont.*)

Holy, holy, holy; there is none beside thee  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity.

***He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought (Psalter Hymnal 452)***

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpC78nfVdfY>)

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

**(Refrain)** He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
Still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

**(Refrain)**

Lord, I would place thine hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis thine hand that leadeth me. (*Cont...*)

**(Refrain)**

And when my task on earth is done,  
 When by thy grace the victory's won,  
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
 Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

***His Eye is on the Sparrow (Lift Up Your Hearts 441)***

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CS5vKFSPtM>)

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
 Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,  
 When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

**(Refrain)** I sing because I'm happy,  
 I sing because I'm free,  
 For His eye is on the sparrow,  
 And I know He watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,  
 And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
 Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

**(Refrain)**

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
 When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
 I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

**(Refrain)**

**Bible Text and Sermon** (*To access the sermon audio, please visit our website at [idealparkchurch.com](http://idealparkchurch.com) and click on the “Current Sermon Series” tab. From there, click on “Listen Now” for March 22. The direct link to this page is <https://idealparkchurch.com/current-sermon-series/>)*

*Psalm 121<sup>1</sup>*

*A song of ascents.*

*1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber; 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand; 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; 8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

Sermon Audio and outline

### ***Where Does Our Hope Come From?***

Psalm 121

Sermon for March 22, 2020

The importance of hope for life

A journey ahead

- Mountains
- Narrow paths
- The sun and moon

Uncertainty in the road ahead

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Where do help and hope come from?

- God keeps the psalmist while on the journey
- God with us on the path
- Faith and hope which sustains
- Eternal hope

**Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world** (*Read each of these as you feel led, either out loud or silently. After each section, take time to pray in whatever way you feel led.*)

Almighty and merciful God, You tell us that wherever two or three are gathered in your name, there you are present. Even in the silence and solitude of our homes, you are with us. God, we acknowledge that worshipping like this is different for us. Assure us, God, of your presence...

*[silent prayer]*

God, we thank you for the many blessings you give us: family, friends, fellow church members, health, strength, encouragement. They are too many to count. We thank you for all you have blessed us with. We thank you for the gift of salvation. We thank you for...

*[silent prayer]*

God, we thank you that you are the Great Physician. Jesus, you healed and ministered to the lame, the blind, and the sick. In our current situation, we pray that we would see your healing hand at work. We pray for healing, Lord... *[silent prayer]*

God, we thank you that you heal not just the body, but the mind and soul as well. We pray for those who are hurting not just physically, but who are broken and hurting on the inside, especially during times of uncertainty...

*[silent prayer]*

God, there are prayers, praises, and concerns on our hearts that you know. We now lay whatever else is on our hearts before you...

*[silent prayer]*

We pray all these things in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

**Song of Faith and Hope** (*The words to the songs have been provided below. If you would like to sing along with a video, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.*)

**Day by Day (LUYH 437)**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INVCcph6cnI>)

Day by day and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure  
Gives unto each day what He deems best--  
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,  
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me  
With a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,  
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.  
The protection of His child and treasure  
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;  
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"  
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in eve'ry tribulation  
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
Offered me within Thy holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
Till I reach the promised land.

**Time for Discussion**

- God desires to embrace you in the warmth of His care. What are some ways we can enjoy God's comfort and embrace?
- Read Philippians 4:4-7
  - What does it mean to rejoice in the Lord always?
  - How do we avoid anxiousness in life?

*When you have gone through this liturgy and discussion, **consider calling a friend or two from church to see how they are doing.***

*“The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)*