

**Home Worship Liturgy**  
**3/29/2020**

*We now begin our second week of home worship in this way. We gather at this time to pray, to sing, to hear God's word. While we are not meeting at the church building, we are gathered together in the power of the Holy Spirit. May God's presence be with us as we worship. Pastor Chris*

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

Too often, O God, we pray, "Listen, Lord, for your children are speaking."  
Today help us to pray, "Speak, Lord, for your children are listening."  
Help our ears to hear your Word.  
Help our hearts to trust what you say.  
Help our hands and feet to do what you call us to do.  
Amen.

*The Worship Sourcebook 2nd Edition, Section 1.4.24*

**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.*)

***In Christ Alone*** (*Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, 2001*)

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWiFYJMGas0>**

**(Due to copyright, we cannot publish the lyrics to this song. If able, please follow the Youtube link above or look up the lyrics online)**

***When Peace like a River (Sprafford, 1873)***

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmvnE6erj6I>)

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

(Refrain) It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

(Refrain) It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

(Refrain) It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

***Go to Dark Gethsemane (Montgomery, 1825)***

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MW9zdAFfMXs>)

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
You who feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; (*cont.*)

Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
See the worm-wood and the gall!  
See the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb  
There' adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid his breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom;  
Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

**Bible Text and Sermon** (*To access the sermon audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at [idealparkchurch.com](http://idealparkchurch.com) and click on the “Current Sermon Series” tab. From there, click on “Listen Now” or “Read Now” for March 29. The direct link to this page is <https://idealparkchurch.com/current-sermon-series/>)*

*Luke 22:39-46<sup>1</sup>*

*39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. 40 On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” 41 He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt*

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*down and prayed, 42 “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. 45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. 46 “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”*

Sermon Audio and outline

***Rise and...***

Luke 22:39-46

Sermon for March 29, 2020

The weight upon Jesus

Going to the Mount of Olives

- Gethsemane means “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- Invitation to pray

Disciples are left with a choice

- Responding amidst exhaustion
- The story of Joseph Scriven

Prayer amidst exhaustion

- Appropriateness of the place “Gethsemane”
- Difficult prayer
- A second invitation

Rise and pray

- Jesus does not chastise, but invites
- Be strengthened by prayer
- A song reminding us why we pray

**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.*)

Perfect God,

We thank you for the gift of prayer. We thank you that you, the maker of heaven and earth, who oversees all things, desires to speak with us.

But God, we confess that at times, we have not always relied on prayer as much as we should. We turn to other distractions, other endeavors, other means of trying to fill ourselves. Forgive us we pray. Forgive us when we have not relied on conversation with you as the balm for our soul.

*[Silent prayer]*

We come before you now as Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. We kneel before your throne. Jesus, on the cross, you bore the sin of the world, including our own. Lord, that would be enough. But you, Lord Jesus, invite us to more. You invite us to cast our cares, our concerns, our joys, our needs upon you. We give them to you...

*[Silent prayer]*

Father, thank you for this time of worship. Be with us as we continue to worship and glorify you with our lives, our church, and our prayers.

Amen.

*(Cont.)*

**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.)*

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SCorW9r\\_Is](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SCorW9r_Is))

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
 All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 What a privilege to carry  
 Everything to God in prayer!  
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
 Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
 All because we do not carry  
 Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
 Is there trouble anywhere?  
 We should never be discouraged—  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Can we find a friend so faithful,  
 Who will all our sorrows share?  
 Jesus knows our every weakness;  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
 Cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised  
 Thou wilt all our burdens bear;  
 May we ever, Lord, be bringing  
 All to Thee in earnest prayer. (*Cont.*)  
 Soon in glory bright, unclouded,  
 There will be no need for prayer—  
 Rapture, praise, and endless worship  
 Will be our sweet portion there.

**Time for Discussion**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 encourages us to 1) Rejoice always, 2) Pray continually and 3) give thanks in all circumstances.
  - Which of these am I good at? Which of these do I struggle with? Why?
  - How will I practice these in the coming week?
- What does my prayer life look like? Feel free to call/talk with pastor Chris if you would like to talk more about prayer.

*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)*