

WORSHIP AT HOME

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"Let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV)

One of the most essential qualities of going to church on Sunday mornings is that we do so *together*. Gathering together with other believers is essential to us being the Church, to be unified as Christ's body. Though it is not currently possible or wise for us to gather in one building, we can continue to be united as we worship God as one church. Being together as a church in this way is going to look a bit different for the time being, as we lift our voices and look to God's word from within our homes. In this temporary setting, our hope is that the elements of this resource will provide you with the essential parts of our Sunday morning gatherings.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (Colossians 3:16 ESV)

In this guide, we have provided scripture readings, prayers, and various songs within the typical structure we have used on Sunday mornings. This structure is what we call a rehearsal of the Gospel and has generally followed the pattern: *Welcome and Gathering, Adoration, Call to Confession, Assurance of Pardon, Word and Sermon, and Response and Benediction*.

This worship guide is meant as a tool that directs your attention, and is written to be used alongside the <u>YouTube playlist</u>, which is also located on the front page of <u>wbc.org</u>. As you gather in your homes to worship together with us as a church, it may be helpful to assign various roles to one another. For example, you could have one person read the scripture readings, while another person leads the prayers. Our prayer is that this resource guides you in rehearsing the truth of the Gospel, which is what we aim to do each and every time we gather.

Signed, Mike Johnson & Crandell Hemphill

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Watch the Welcome video that opens the playlist.

Call to Worship

"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

(Psalm 95:1-7 ESV)

Gathering Song: Come People of The Risen King

Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night Come those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace

Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land Men and women of the faith Come those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace Over all the world His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call The truth that cries through ev'ry age Our God is all in all

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Adoration & Praise: Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord Who over all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper Thy work and defend thee Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee Ponder anew what the Almighty can do If with His love He befriend thee

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for all we adore Him

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Adoration & Praise: Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands Who has numbered every grain of sand Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne Come let us adore Him Behold our King nothing can compare Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord Who can question any of His words Who can teach the One who knows all things Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand Bearing all the guilt of sinful man God eternal humbled to the grave Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Bridge

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth) (REPEAT)

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill)

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Pause the playlist and read this aloud.

Call to Confession

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

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"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
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So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
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"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"²

and

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"A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."<sup>3</sup>
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They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

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(1 Peter 2:4-8 ESV)
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Once you have read this, take a moment to pray. This is a time to confess sins, either silently or with the help of this prayer:

Merciful God,

You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.⁴

¹ Isaiah 28:16

² Psalm 118:22

³ Isaiah 8:14

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Song of Confession: He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

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At the time, pause the playlist and declare this assurance together!

Assurance of Pardon

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(1 Peter 2:4-8 ESV)

Song of Assurance: His Mercy Is More

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness new every morn Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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At this point, we encourage you to pause the video and read the sermon text together.

Exodus 1:1-22 ESV

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴ Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. ⁵ All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶ Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. ⁷ But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

Pharaoh Oppresses Israel

⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³ So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Sing this song in preparation to hear the Word preached.

Song of the Word: My Help My God

Verse 1

Why are you so full of heaviness Why are you disquieted within Oh my soul oh my soul As the deer longs for the water brooks So my soul it longs and thirsts for You Oh my God oh my God

Chorus

Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him My Help my God

Verse 2

Deep goes unto deep like ocean waves All Your floods and rapids on me break Oh my soul oh my soul I will say unto my God my strength How is it You have forgotten me Oh how long oh how long

Verse 3

Yahweh grants His kindness in the day Through the night His song it is that stays Oh my soul oh my soul

Ending

My help my God My help my God

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At this point, pause all music, pray together as you hear the Word preached. Now cue the sermon video to watch together.

Sermon Outline:

I.	Our passage: Exodus 1:1-22 is a highly "connected" passage, even in the midst of waiting.	
	A. It is connected to the covenant.	
	B. It is connected to an elect people.	
	C. It is connected to God's progressive work	
II.	This passage is not simply focusing on the human problem of waiting. But it draws us into what God is doing. <i>In spite of having to wait, God is always out</i>	
	his	
III.	God is working in at least three specific areas of our lives.	
	A. He is working in our	
	B. He is working in our	
	C. He is working in our	

Song of Response: Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him Yet I look for worldly treasure And forsake the King of kings

Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer Though I fall His love is sure For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow Darkness not yet understood Through the valley I must travel Where I see no earthly good

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven And the strength in times of need I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger Pilgrim on a narrow way One with Christ I will encounter Harm and hatred for His name

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle Strong enough to last the war And He has said He will deliver Safely to the golden shore

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul For His love is my reward Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore

Benediction

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is please in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

(Hebrews 13:20-21 ESV)

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