



**WORSHIP AT HOME
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020**

Before you begin...

- **Think about where you will gather.** Will you sit at your kitchen table, in the family room, or somewhere else? Make sure everyone can participate comfortably.
- **Make your space sacred.** Light a candle (or two or three), and make sure you have a Bible handy. If you have a cross, put it in a central place. Find a nice bowl and fill it with water to remember your baptism as we do with the font at Resurrection. You will also need slips of paper, writing utensils, and a small basket or other container.
- **Prepare for music.** If you have a piano or guitar (or other instrument) and the ability to play, by all means, do that! In any case, choose a song or two to sing together. Simple songs like “Jesus Loves Me” or “This Little Light of Mine” are great for kids who can’t yet read. It might be fun to search YouTube for one of your favorite songs from church.
- **Choose leaders and readers.** Some parts of the worship service work better if one person does most of the reading and others respond. Someone will need to read scripture, too. You can look through and assign those parts ahead of time or pick someone as you go.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Choose a leader or take turns reading. During this part, everyone should get a little bit wet. One option is to pass the bowl of water around so each one can dip their finger in and make the sign of the cross, but you might have a better idea. Be as creative as you like.

Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are washed in baptism may be given new life. Wash away the sin of us all and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To

you be given praise and honor through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SONG

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Say this part together.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

[John 9:1-41](#)

Choose one or more person to read the story aloud. If it helps, a few people could act it out as you read.

REFLECTION

Consider reading Pastor Mitch's reflection on this week's gospel text. If you like, you can join Pastor Mitch via Zoom (zoom.us/j/3178817854) or Facebook Live (facebook.com/RLCIndy) at 10 a.m. EST on Sunday, March 22. See Friday's email from Resurrection for details.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Say this part together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Pray together for the world and its leaders, our church, our community, and your neighbors, family, and friends. Ask those who are with you what they would like to pray for, and be sure to

remember those who are sick, people who work in healthcare, and all emergency workers. One person could pray for the whole group aloud, or you could take turns praying aloud.

OFFERING

Talk together about what you might be able to do to help others during this difficult time. Could you donate to a food bank or other charity? Send notes to family or friends who might be lonely? Run errands for an elderly neighbor? Write your ideas on slips of paper and place them in a basket. Put something in the basket (maybe your offering envelope or just another slip of paper) to symbolize your monetary gift to the church, too. Remember to mail your contribution or give online through the church website, rlcindy.org/giving

Pray together: God, we give you thanks for all the things you give to us so that we may give to others. Use our gifts to bring hope, healing, and help to those who need it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Choose a leader for this part or take turns reading.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You choose which version!

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

SONG

Sing something full of joy. Want to sing along with music? Try YouTube.

BLESSING

Say this part together.

**The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✝ give us peace.
Amen.**

Don't forget to blow out any candles, and make sure no one spills the water! Think about when you might put your offering ideas into action.