

WORSHIP AT HOME

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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.** The video will include music led by different families, and we hope you will sing along! If you're not using the video, make your own music. 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.

A Service of the Word for the 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Our theme in worship for the month of September in the midst of national unrest is one of justice and reconciliation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If not following along with the video, choose a leader for this part.

Across the barriers that divide race from race:
reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:
reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:
reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide Christians:
reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide us by gender and age:
reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

**Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears
that deny and betray our prayers.
Enable us to see the causes of strife,
remove from us all senses of superiority.
Teach us to grow in unity with all of God's creation. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If not following along with the video, choose a leader for this part.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts 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.

People of God,
All of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.
In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,
and made to be a community united in faith.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

You Are Holy

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GREETING

If not following along with the video, the leader says the greeting.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

If not following along with the video, choose someone to read the prayer.

Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

You Are Holy

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

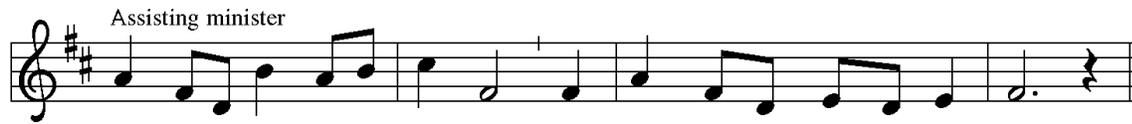
* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: [Exodus 14:19-31](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



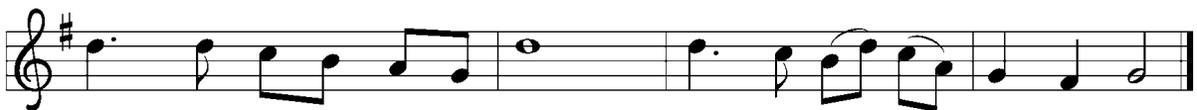
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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

If you're not using the video, 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.

PEACE

Greet those worshiping with you with the peace of Christ. Assuming no one among you is ill, share a warm embrace.

OFFERING

If you're not using the video, talk together or think about what gifts God has given us that might be unique to these special circumstances. How might we use these gifts and any extra time we might have to share God's love with others? 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.

If not using the video, 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.**

SENDING PRAYER

If not using the video, choose a leader for this part.

O God, the heavens are yours and the earth is yours.
All our life belongs to you.

Make us your messengers of peace and justice.

May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Make us your messengers of peace and justice.

May all injustice, violence, and oppression give way
to fairness, mercy, and goodwill.

Make us your messengers of peace and justice.

Teach us to use the manifold resources of the earth
so that none may waste and none may want.

Make us your messengers of peace and justice.

In all our labors, may cooperation triumph over conflict;
may all people find their reward in work that serves the good of all.

Make us your messengers of peace and justice.

Keep alive the holy fire within the hearts
of all who dare to be the voices of unwelcome wisdom.
Make us willing to hear hard demands.

Make us your messengers of peace and justice.

Fill us with a passion for righteousness
and a zeal to serve where there is need.
Fill us with a purpose that is holy and right and just.

Make us your messengers of peace and justice.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

If not using the video, 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

BLESSING

If not using the video, say this part together.

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant us to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The God of all grace † bless us now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
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DISMISSAL

If not using the video, choose a leader for this part.

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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.