

## An Order for Home Worship

*Worship begins when all are gathered. Italicized words and bold titles are for instruction and/or edification, and not meant to be read aloud. The leader reads the regular font, and all read the bold font. If you are worshipping by yourself, there are variants of some pieces that you may find useful. Remember that you are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, including your congregation, and that the Spirit is with you.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*[if alone, this beginning may be changed by praying:*

May the Lord be with all people,

and may the Lord be with me.

May all people give thanks to the Lord our God;

I will give my thanks and praise.]

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting  
wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and  
streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for  
dew and snow. Your waters are below us,  
around us, above us: our life is born in you. You  
are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and  
the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers  
your well. The Israelites escape through the sea,  
and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman  
washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan  
woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you  
for the water of baptism and for your Word that  
saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into  
all who are gathered here and into all creation.  
Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our  
tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown  
the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**Amen.**

### Hymn

*Hymns may be selected by the group based on ability. Hymns may include:*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – ELW 858

My Lord, What a Morning – ELW 438

The Church's One Foundation – ELW 654

O Zion, Haste – ELW 668

Lift High the Cross – ELW 660

### Prayer

*Prayers of the Day include:*

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 9<sup>th</sup> - O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 16<sup>th</sup> - God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 23<sup>rd</sup> - O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 30<sup>th</sup> - O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **Word**

*The readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary, including:*

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 9<sup>th</sup> – 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

August 30<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

### **Sermon or Discussion**

*A recording of the sermon will be available after the service each Sunday.*

*Audio and video of the service can be found on the church website, [trinityarendtsville.org](http://trinityarendtsville.org) and clicking on the “News & Online Content” tab.*

### **Hymn**

*Hymns may be selected by the group based on ability. Hymns may include:*

This Is My Father’s World – ELW 824

Abide with Me – ELW 629

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind – ELW 400

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High – ELW 857

Blessed Assurance – ELW 638

## **Prayer**

*Each are invited to lift up a prayer petition as they desire. All are welcome to pray, but none are obligated to pray aloud. Topics for prayer may include, but are not limited to:*

- *Prayers for all creation, that we might see the kingdom of God reflected in each part, and cherish creation and the image that it holds.*
- *Prayers for those in authority and those without, that the powerful might follow Christ in service, and the powerless might be lifted up.*
- *Prayers for those cry out in pain, anger, frustration, anxiety, or need of any kind, that God would give comfort, assurance, and hope to all who cry out.*
- *Prayers for our congregation, and the whole church, that we might be reinvigorated with a vision for the future, and that we might be sustained as we work toward it.*
- *Prayers for all those who are dying throughout these days, and for their families, that they may see nothing separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a sign of peace with one another, in an appropriate manner.*

*This is a resource developed for individuals, friends, and families to use when Sunday worship is unavailable or not an option.*

***Preparation for worship:***

- *Let the ones you are going to worship with, including your own self, know when worship is going to be. It is best not to “spring” worship on unsuspecting people. The people of Trinity have been invited to worship on Sundays at 9am.*
- *Make a specific space for worship. This could be around a kitchen table, or a family room, or even outside in the sun or shade. Make sure everyone has a place to sit comfortably.*
- *Include a sign of light in the worship space. Use a candle (preferably unscented, but a scent all enjoy could be used as well), open curtains/blinds/shades, and/or turn on the lights. Find what works for the space.*
- *Include a sign of baptism in the space. This can be a plain bowl of water set in the middle of the table, the baptismal candle from one’s own baptism, or even some blades of grass with dew.*
- *Be sure to turn off or place in another room equipment that may be distracting, like televisions, phones, tablets, notifications, and other bells and whistles.*
- *If worshiping by yourself, say the words aloud nonetheless. While God certainly hears words spoken and unspoken, we as humans often experience spoken words differently than our own inner dialogue.*
- *Be gracious to one another, including yourself. Encourage one another as worship is lead.*
- *Leave space for silence. Not too fast, nor too slow, find a pace that works for you and your group.*