

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, remember that you are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, including your congregation, and that the Spirit is with you.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of
creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Faithful God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.
We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our
neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our
transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus
Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and
newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Hymn

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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty – ELW 413

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – ELW 834

Gather Us In – ELW 532

Awake, My Soul, And With the Sun – ELW 557

Prayer

Prayers of the Day include:

September 6th - O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

September 13th - 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.**

September 20th - Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

September 27th - God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

The readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary, including:

September 6th – Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 13th – Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-25

September 20th – Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27th – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-13; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon or Discussion

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

Video of the service can be found on the church website, trinityarendtsville.org and clicking on the “News & Online Content” tab.

Hymn

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – ELW 742
Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive – ELW 605
Great God, Your Love Has Called Us – ELW 358
O Master, Let Me Walk With You – ELW 497

Prayer

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 nothing may 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.*