

JESUS

FAMILY

MISSION



EMMANUEL COVENANT CHURCH AT HOME

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LITURGY & PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, our Lord, is risen.
Lord, may we experience
the power of your resurrection
and live by it.

Lord, may we respond as the community of the free.
Lord, may the spirit and gift of your freedom
break the spell of our fears and send us away
obedient rebels, lovers of life's depths,
and your disciples forever. Amen

AN OPENING PRAYER

Lord of such amazing surprises
as put a catch in our breath
and wings on our hearts;
we praise you for this joy
too great for words.
For this world unleashed in us, and us in it,
with no dead ends to growing;
for this resurrection wonder,
which is wiser than we are
and in which we see
how great you are,
how full of grace.
Alleluia!

FROM: COVENANT BOOK OF WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING 1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Let Israel say:
“His love endures forever.”
Let the house of Aaron say:
“His love endures forever.”
Let those who fear the Lord say:
“His love endures forever.”

When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord;
he brought me into a spacious place.
The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?
The Lord is with me; he is my helper.
I look in triumph on my enemies.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in humans.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

I was pushed back and about to fall,
but the Lord helped me.
The Lord is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

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PSALM 118:1-9, 13-15, 29 (NIV)

A POEM

Our God is so gracious, merciful and lovingly kind
In his Word He gives us sweet peace of mind
He remembers our frame and that we are dust
Though He is so perfect and holy and just

He removes our transgressions as far as the east is from the west
and with Christ's righteousness we then are dressed
When he looks at our heart He does not see sins we have done
But instead sees the blood of His only begotten son

Where would we be without God's merciful grace
Our lives would certainly be in a hopeless case
God says he will remember our sins no more
He forgets them all and for us has rich blessings in store

God's love and mercy will endure forever and ever
and from his great love nothing can sever

GOD IS MERCIFUL, BY CINDY WYATT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come. Your 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 that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of glory, fill your Church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, that in the midst of the sinful world it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ. Amen.

FROM: COVENANT BOOK OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forever. Amen.

God loves you, and so do I!

SCRIPTURE READING 2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed

1 PETER 1:1-7 (NIV)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is something you noticed for the first time?

What questions did you have?

Was there anything that bothered you?

What did you learn about loving God?

What did you learn about loving others?

What are ways you have experienced resurrection in your life?

What are some places you are finding hope today?

What does this inheritance offered through Jesus mean to you?

How does that affect the way you live?