

JESUS

FAMILY

MISSION



EMMANUEL COVENANT CHURCH
AT HOME

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LITURGY & PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:32

God of heaven and earth, we long to truly free.

In this hour of worship,

Help us to grasp the freedom that comes from seeing you more clearly,

Loving you more dearly, and following you more nearly.

Day by day, give us strength and courage

To be your people in this time, in this place. Amen.

AN OPENING 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

SCRIPTURE READING 1

I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them. Even so, I have been bold enough to write about some of these points, knowing that all you need is this reminder. For by God's grace, I am a special messenger from Christ Jesus to you Gentiles. I bring you the Good News so that I might present you as an acceptable offering to God, made holy by the Holy Spirit.

So I have reason to be enthusiastic about all Christ Jesus has done through me in my service to God. Yet I dare not boast about anything except what Christ has done through me, bringing the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I worked among them. They were convinced by the power of miraculous signs and wonders and by the power of God's Spirit. In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ from Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum.

My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else. I have been following the plan spoken of in the Scriptures, where it says,

“Those who have never been told about him will see,
and those who have never heard of him will understand.”

In fact, my visit to you has been delayed so long because I have been preaching in these places

ROMANS 15:14-22 (NLT)

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God,
The Father Almighty,
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Almighty God, we know that everything is in Your sovereign control. We ask that You keep this new coronavirus from continuing to spread. Give government officials the ability to safely handle people arriving from other countries. Help people decide to stay home instead of traveling or going out needlessly. Holy Spirit, remind people to wash their hands properly. And while it may be heartbreaking, comfort families as they decide to keep their distance from elderly or other high-risk family members.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea...

BY: WORLD VISION, FROM: PSALM 46:1-2

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

After the two days he left for Galilee. (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honour in his own country.) When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

“Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”

The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

“Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live.”

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him."

Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.

This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

JOHN 4:43-54 (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 some of the ways you have seen Jesus work in your life?

In the lives of those around you?

Have there been times you have doubted Jesus because you haven't seen a particular request answered in the way you hoped/expected?

Where do you see the power of a relationship with Jesus in your life?