

# **An Order of Worship for Use at Home**

## **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

### **June 21, 2020**

*Before you begin, choose a place for your devotion with a table or other flat surface and seating where you are comfortable, whether alone or gathered with your family.*

*Assemble the following:*

- A Candle to represent the presence of Christ*
- A Bible that you can place near the candle*
- A Cross*

*If you have others who can share in leading the worship, assign tasks for the reader, the intercessor, and the worship leader. When all are settled, the leader says:*

*Leader*        O Lord, open our lips  
*People*        **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*As the candle is lit, the leader says:*

### **The Song of the Three**

- 1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 5 O people of God bless the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ♦  
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

*The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65.*

*The Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Let us pray

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. **Amen.**

**Psalm 69:8-20**

*Read together or take turns*

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O Lord:

15 "In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.]

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

19 "Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.

### *The First Reading is from the prophet Jeremiah (20:7-13)*

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

*Wonder for a moment about this story from the prophet Jeremiah. His public boldness masks his private self-pity. He laments his lot as a prophet wounded by the derision of others when he speaks out and is unable to keep quiet. Have you ever been mocked for being a Christian? How easy is it to speak about your faith?*

### *The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (10:24-39)*

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light;

and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*Wonder for a moment about this story of Jesus teaching the disciples about the cost of true discipleship. Do we love God more than our mother and father, or sister and brother? What does it mean to “lose one’s life” in order to find it?*

*If you have time, please also read the sermon by Fr David for the Third Sunday after Pentecost.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All say together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

## **Benedictus**

**All You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, •  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, •  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old •  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, •  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: •  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, •  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, •  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation •  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God •  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, •  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

**All**    **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All**    **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

## **Intercessory Prayer**

*Leader:*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,  
and let us thank God for his goodness

We pray for God's grace.  
Lord, receive our praise

**All**    **and hear our prayer.**

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:  
through your Son you have redeemed us;  
in your Spirit you have made us your own.  
We pray for ... (*the Church*)

Make our hearts respond to your love.  
Lord, receive our praise

**All**    **and hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Search Team as they seek God's will in discerning a new rector  
for our St. Barnabas' community.

Lord, receive our praise

**All**    **and hear our prayer.**

We pray for ... (*the world*)  
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.

Lord, receive our praise

**All**    **and hear our prayer.**

We pray for ... (*the sick and those in need*)  
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.

Lord, receive our praise

**All**    **and hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for ...

Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

## **Concluding Collect**

*The Leader says*

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **A Prayer During this Time of Separation**

**Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**