

SUGGESTED ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 4-19-2020

- **Opening Psalm – Psalm 63:1-5**
- **Pray for God’s presence and blessing:**
Almighty God,
to whom our hearts are open,
our desires are known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the gracious power of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You
and worthily magnify Your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.¹
- **Sing a song of praise – Some suggestions:**
 - *Come, Thou Almighty King*, (LUYH #492; Grey Psalter #246 ; Blue Psalter #317)
 - *How Great Thou Art* (LUYH #553; Grey #483)
- **Confess your sins:** (sing or read², or pray your own prayer of confession)
God, be merciful to me; on your grace I rest my plea.
My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
In your presence let me stray; by your Spirit show the way.
Your salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.
- **Read a promise of forgiveness – Romans 5:6-11**
- **Read God’s Law – Colossians 3:1-10³**
- **Read or sing a song of thanksgiving:** Suggestions:
 - Psalm 107⁴
 - *Let All Things Now Living* (LUYH #5; Grey #453)
- **Say a prayer of intercession.**

¹ Taken from LUYH #494

² “God, Be Merciful to Me” (Public Domain) – LUYH #623; Grey #255; Blue #94

³ The law not only teaches us of our sin, but is also used to show us how we should live in thankfulness to God’s grace given through Jesus. This passage helps us to see God’s law as a response to who we already are in Christ (see Col 3:1).

⁴ Psalm 107 has a refrain that is included four times in the Psalm (vs 8, 15, 21, 24). If you have small children, you could help them learn this short refrain, and have them say it at the appropriate times as you read through the Psalm.

The LUYH Hymnal has a list of prompting questions that can be used to gather requests for prayer. This list might be helpful for you as you consider what to pray for.

- For which divine actions or attributes shall we bless God?
 - For which blessings shall we thank God?
 - For which aspects of biblical teaching shall we thank God?
 - For which country or region of the world shall we pray?
 - For which ministry shall we pray?
 - For which other congregations shall we pray?
 - For which aspects of congregational life shall we pray?
 - For which concerns in our town or city shall we pray?
 - For which personal concerns shall we pray?
- **Read or Recite Psalm 119:9-16**
 - **Read (or sing) a prayer for the illumination of the Word:**
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.⁵

- **Watch the sermon on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/crclucas
- **Sing a Song of Response**, Suggestions:
 - *I Love to Tell the Story* (LUYH #262; Grey #530; Blue #412)
 - *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* (LUYH #568; Grey #479; Blue #439)
- **Close with prayer**, e.g.
Our heavenly Father,
we ask You to look upon us in grace,
as we look away from ourselves into the face of Your Son, whom You have appointed our Mediator and Savior.
As all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Your Son, guide us by Your Holy Spirit into the true understanding of the doctrines of Christ.
May our meditation upon His truth produce in us the fruit of righteousness to the glory and exaltation of His name, the instruction and edification of this congregation, and the salvation of the lost through our witness.
We pray this in the name and favor of Your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, in dependence on His Holy Spirit. Amen.

⁵ *Speak, O Lord vs 2-3*; Words by Keith Getty, Stuart Townend. You can find the song in LUYH #755.