

SUGGESTED ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 5-10-2020

- **Opening of worship¹**

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worship you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels and all the heavenly powers cry aloud;
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.”

The glorious company of apostles, praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets, praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs, praise you.
Throughout the world the holy church acclaims you:

“Father of majesty unbounded;
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise;
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.”

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free, you humbly chose the virgin’s womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come, then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

- **Sing a song of praise** – Some suggestions:
 - *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*² (LUYH #540; Grey #504)
 - *O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise* (LUYH #502; Grey #111; Blue #222)
 - *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down* (LUYH #510)
- **Confess your sins:** Read Psalm 51 and make it your own confession of sin
- **Read a promise of forgiveness** – 1 Timothy 1:15-17
- **Read God’s Law** – Philippians 4:4-9

¹ This reading is a translation of a 4th Century Christian Hymn called the *Te Deum*. You can find it in LUYH #541 as a responsive reading. You can have one person read the entire thing, or split it up among family members. Consider that as you say these words, you are praising God with the same words as Christians for the last 1500 years!

² This song is based on the *Te Deum*.

- **Sing a song of assurance.** Some suggestions:
 - *Like a River Glorious* (LUYH #699; Grey #560)
 - *I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew* (LUYH #685; Grey #498; Blue #387)

- **Say a prayer of intercession.**

Because it's Mother's Day, you could use this time of prayer to pray specifically for mothers. Here are some ideas for what/who to pray for:

- Thank God for mothers
- Pray for those who are grieving mothers who have passed away.
- Pray for energy and patience for mothers of younger children, especially during the stay-at-home time.
- Pray for expectant mothers
- Pray for comfort and hope for those who want to be mothers and are not.
- Pray for mothers who are grieving the death of a child.
- Pray for those who do/did not have a healthy relationship with their mothers.
- Thank God for godly mothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers who have followed God's example and have nurtured us, cared for us, taught us, and pointed us to Jesus Christ.

- **Read or Recite Psalm 119:9-16**

- **Read (or sing) in preparation for the Word:**

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.³

- **Watch the sermon on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/crclucas

Sermon Text: Acts 2:22-32

Sermon Title: "The Promised Resurrection"

Sermon Series: *Promises for the Last Times*

³ *Ancient Words*; Words by Lynn DeShazo. You can find the song in LUYH #762. [CCLI#547476]

- **Sing a Song of Response:**

- *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (LUYH #206 – tune is “Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”) [CCLI#547476]

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

- **Close with a doxology**, *Now Blessed Be the Lord our God* (LUYH #953; Grey #630; Blue #488) [Public Domain]

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works; his glorious deeds excel;
for he alone does wondrous works; his glorious deeds excel.

And blessed be his glorious name through all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;
the whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.