

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 04/06

We believe worship is an essential part of the Christian life, so though we will not be gathering in person for worship on Sundays, we do want to help you as you participate in worship at home.

Worshipping in this way is new for many of us, so below are **a few tips** for participating:

- **Have a meal together** (Some groups are even enjoying the meal together by using Zoom or another app). Spend time in prayer together. Sing songs (even if you're off-tune!).
- It may seem awkward at first, but I'd encourage you to "push through the awkward." It gets more comfortable with time.
- Families with small children may have trouble going through the entire service and that's okay! They may need to have **a break to get some wiggles out**. Incorporate the Oak Pointe Kids resources into your worship! opcmilford.org/kidsresources/
- Select someone to act as the leader for the service/take turns leading different sections below (Call to worship, prayer, benediction). Older children are often more engaged if they have leading/reading roles.
- Take time to reflect + thank God for the opportunity to gather and worship in this way.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read aloud before clicking play on the musical worship:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey...he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. (Zech. 9:9-12 ESV)

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, we'll exhaust the glory of this passage only after Jesus comes to reign in full! Who is it that fulfills Zechariah's magnificent vision? **It is you, King Jesus**, and we welcome you and rejoice in you on this Palm Sunday.

No other king could vanquish warhorses and warriors, riding the foal of a donkey. **No other king** could break the battle bow and backbone of warfare by the brokenness of the cross. **No other king**

could replace the dominion of darkness and the tyranny of evil with an eternal reign of grace and peace.

No other king would give his life and death for the redemption of rebels and idolaters like us. **No other king** can possibly make slaves of sin into prisoners of hope.

Lord Jesus, you are that King—the King of Glory, the Monarch of Mercy, the Governor of Grace, the Prince of Peace—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Great is our rejoicing, because grace is our salvation! You have come to us and for us, righteous and victorious, loving and sovereign.

By the riches of your grace, continue to free us from waterless pits, broken cisterns, and worthless idols. By the power of the gospel, enable us to live as prisoners of hope and agents of redemption, until the day you return to finish making all things new. We pray in your holy and matchless name. **Amen.**

STREAM THE SERVICE (Maybe stream the kid's portion here)

BENEDICTION

Read aloud together:

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7

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(to be used in community with others)

Tips: Talk through these questions over some food and take joy together in the truths and promises you've heard today in God's Word, in song, and as you discuss together.

If you're not sharing a home with others, then gather digitally with those in your LifeGroup, Discipleship, Study Group, or simply other people and enjoy some conversation!

COMMUNION WITH GOD

- What is God saying to you in this Word, in the sermon, or in your personal time with him in Word and Prayer this week?
- What is God by his Spirit telling you to do this week? How can we as a group be part of giving you courage to obey?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

- What is one burden you want to share with us that you need help shouldering?
- What is one burden you are currently shouldering for others that we can assist you with?
- What is one blessing you want to share with us that we can help you celebrate?

COMMISSIONED TO GOD'S WORLD

- How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?