

# GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 05/31

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Worship is an essential part of the Christian life. Here are **a few tips** for participating at home:

- **Push through the awkward.** Worshiping this way gets more comfortable with time.
- **Take turns leading** different sections below (Call to worship, prayer, benediction).
- **Take heart!** (if you have small children). They might not make it through the entire service and that's okay! They may need to have **a break to get some wiggles out.** You can also use the kids resources posted at: [opcmilford.org/kidsresources/](http://opcmilford.org/kidsresources/)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Read aloud before clicking play on the musical worship:**

*Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. —Psalm 143:8*

## PRAYER

*Dear Jesus, in the morning, at mid-day, in the afternoon and throughout the night, keep on bringing us word of your unfailing love. That's all we need, that's all we really need. By the Holy Spirit, incessantly gossip the gospel in our inmost ear. Wrap the good news of your boundless, endless affections around our hearts, tighter and tighter and tighter. Permeate every bit of our being with your fresh mercies, steadfast love and transforming grace, for we have put our trust in you.*

*Jesus, it's the assurance of your unfailing love which enables us to trust you as we walk through our uncertainties about the future. We confess that we feel vulnerable, fearful and insecure. We get tempted, once again, to be our own savior. Spare us that misery, Jesus, spare us and those we love. Now's not a time to lean on our own understanding or walk by the light of our own torches (Isaiah 50:10-11). May your Word dwell in us richly, your peace rule in us powerfully, your Spirit pray in us effectually. We want your glory be our main passion and delight.*

*We've entrusted our lives to you, Jesus, because you alone are trustworthy. We've given you our sins, wounds, brokenness and weakness. Now, in fresh surrender, we give you our planning for the next season of our lives in our losses and crosses; career and calling; health and finances; relationships and ministries. Write stories of redemption beyond our wildest dreams and hopes. It's all about you, Jesus, not us. It's all about your glory and our growth.*

*We're not so arrogant as to expect all the details. Just take us by the hand and lead the way. Shepherd us, Jesus, open doors we cannot shut and shut doors we cannot open. All we need to know is that you love us and that you're with us. You've promised us both, and you do not lie. So Amen we pray, in your peerless and priceless name.*

## STREAM THE SERVICE

### BENEDICTION

Read aloud together: *My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.* —Ps 145:21.

# NOTES FOR THE SERMON

*Psalm 145*

Walking with God Leads to Stories of God's \_\_\_\_\_

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Walking with God Leads to Rejoicing in God's \_\_\_\_\_

Walking with God Leads to an Experience of His \_\_\_\_\_

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

(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.

## ▶ GET STARTED

- Pray together for God to lead your conversation by His Word and Spirit.

## ▶ READ

- Read Psalm 145 slowly as if for the 1st time. Consider it in light of the Gospel as a group

## ▶ ASK Part 1

- Psalm 145 is a psalm of amazement at God's **greatness** and **goodness**; rejoicing in God's **kingship**; and an experience of God's **care**. Let's start with God's greatness and goodness.
  - **Think about Creation.** What demonstrates God's greatness/goodness?
  - **Think about the Cross.** How is God's greatness/goodness shown there?
  - **Think about yourself.** How has God's greatness/goodness come in your life?

## ▶ ASK Part 2

- Psalm 145 also talks about rejoicing in, or enjoying God's **kingship** over all things and in our lives.
  - **How** does the psalm describe God's kingship?
  - **What**, based on this psalm, should God's kingship mean for your life?
- Finally, Psalm 145, talks about experiencing God's **care** of us through lives.
  - **How** does this psalm talk about God's care of you? What words/phrases?
  - **How** do you need to remember and be carried by his care in this coming week?

## ▶ PRAY

- Spend some time as a group praying about each of these aspects of walking with God.
- Use the words of Proverbs 31:8-9 as a guide as you pray for our nation right now as well.

## COMMUNION WITH GOD

- What is one truth about God that you are clinging to right now from the sermon or from your personal devotional time?
- What is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you towards this week?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

## COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

- What is one burden we can help you shoulder?
- What is one blessing we can celebrate together?

## COMMISSIONED TO GOD'S WORLD

- Who is one neighbor that you are caring for right now?