

Worship Guide

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Announcements

Gathering

In the face of the polarities – the positives and negatives of life – we often find ourselves urging solutions such as, education, scientific and social reconstruction or correction of human ills. We should encourage such efforts, but such efforts do not erase the fact that we live between the poles of human choice. We live between limitations and possibilities; the irrational and the rational; between isolation and community; between impotence and responsibility. Living between the polarities of life reflects the fundamental human condition as being disordered, or imbalanced, and, given a slight shove, we could all fall into nothingness.

[Macquarrie, John, Principles of Christian Theology.]

Litany of Confession

Leader: Jesus Christ, the Lord of all good life: enrich and purify our lives and deepen us for our discipleship.

People: We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal to you, who for us faced death unafraid.

Leader: Christ deliver us from;

People: Lack of reverence for truth and beauty, from prejudice and sentimentalism, from being contented with the mean and the ugly.

Leader: Christ deliver us from;

People: Artificiality in life and worship, from all that is hollow, unreal, and insincere.

Leader: Christ deliver us from;

People: National vanity that poses as patriotism and blind self-worship which admits no wrong.

Leader: Christ deliver us from;

People: The disloyalty of being satisfied with things as they are, in the church and in the world, and from failing to share your indignation.

Leader: Christ deliver from;

People: Everything in our lives that may hide your true light, the light of the world. Amen

[The Book of Common Worship; Provisional Services and Lectionary for the Christian Year, 1966, Philadelphia, the Westminster Press, p.101.]

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, we know this about God:

God forgives our shortcomings and opens a new path before us. Let us dare to follow where God leads us, knowing that as we do, we will become whole and holy.

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Song - All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name (Coronation)

Verse 1

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 3

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

CCLI Song # 25400

Edward Perronet | John Rippon | Oliver Holden

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Scripture - John 6:24-35

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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Sermon: *"Enriched Bread" - Rev. Dr. Roderic P. Frohman*

Song - We Are Hungry - Steve Fee

Verse

Lord, I want more of You
Living Water, rain down on me
Lord, I need more of You
Living Breath of Life come and fill me up

Chorus

We are hungry, we are hungry
We are hungry for more of You
We are thirsty, oh Jesus
We are thirsty for more of You

Bridge

We lift our holy hands up
We want to touch You
We lift our voices higher
And higher and higher to You

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Litany of the People

Leader: Almighty God, who built the church on the rock of human faith and trust in you, we praise you for Jesus Christ, the cornerstone and foundation of all we believe.

People: may we accept the responsibility of our freedom, the burden of our privilege, and so conduct ourselves as to set an example for those who will follow after.

Leader: May we not be content with a secondhand faith, worshipping words rather than the Word.

People: may we find joy in the study of Scripture and growth and exposure to new ideas.

Leader: may we be a part of our Presbytery, sharing in the great mission which you have set before us, always seeking the common good.

People: we thank you for the patriarchs and matriarchs of this congregation and for their leadership who have placed us where we are today.

Leader: especially this day we remember those of our congregation who have concern for celebration and anxiety over their health. We name these people now {Pause for naming out loud in our homes.}

People: may we find our congregation a prod to our imaginations, a shock to our laziness, and a source of power in doing your will especially in this time of COVID-19 isolation.

[The Book of Common Worship; Provisional Services and Lectionary for the Christian Year, 1966, Philadelphia, the Westminster Press, p.98]

Leader: this we pray in the strong name of our Lord who taught us to pray saying...

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Song - Go With Us Lord

Chorus

Go with us Lord

And guide the way through this and every coming day

That in Your Spirit strong and true

Our lives may be our gift to You

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