

# Church at Home

## Trinity Sunday | June 7, 2020

*In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we have suspended our regular Sunday worship services and are encouraging people to worship together in their homes. This resource is intended to be flexible and adaptable for a variety of settings, depending on the gifts and resources available. It is structured after our regular worship service, but you may do what works for your context. Some sections have recommendations for worshipping in families with small children.*

### Gathering & Greeting

<p><b>Call to Worship</b> <i>(Belgic Confession, Article 9)</i></p> <p>We are called to worship by our Triune God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit</p> <p><b>The Father is called our Creator, because of his power.</b></p> <p><b>The Son is our Saviour and Redeemer, because of his blood.</b></p> <p><b>The Holy Spirit is our Sanctifier, because he lives in our hearts.</b></p> <p><b>Come! Let us worship the Three-in-One!</b></p>	<p><i>*For families with small children*</i></p> <p>We come to worship God today, because he has invited us to worship him.</p> <p>We worship God the Father, who made us.</p> <p>We worship God the Son, who lived, died, and was raised to life again.</p> <p>We worship God the Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts.</p> <p>Let's sing to God!</p> <p><i>Families may light a candle as they begin Sunday worship as a visual reminder that worship is a special time when we rest in God's presence in a special way.</i></p>
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### Song Suggestions:

*Depending on your context and gifts, you may want to sing along with songs on YouTube, have someone lead with piano and guitar, or sing together acapella. Feel free to break open the songbook or hymnal and sing your family's favourites, or pick a few from these suggestions (check the [Church at Home page](#) for a YouTube playlist).*

All Creatures of Our God and King  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
All Your People Sing

Lord, I Need You  
Wait for the Lord  
There is a Redeemer

## Confession & Assurance

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3.

### Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God,  
you formed human beings  
out of the dust of the earth.  
You filled human lungs  
with the breath of life.**

**Yet the world over,  
your image-bearers struggle to breathe—  
some are suffocated by disease,  
others are crushed by injustice,  
still others crowd into camps and shelters  
fleeing violence and war,  
and some gasp through sobs  
as they mourn unspeakable loss.**

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Breathe the breath of your Spirit anew  
into our troubled hearts.  
Into the chaos,  
speak your words of peace  
that bring life, even life abundant.  
Into the darkness of this present moment,  
may the light of your love burst forth,  
that all may know that you are the Lord.**

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus,  
and bring peace to your troubled world.**

**Amen.**

The prayer of confession may be followed by a time of silence, if desired.

### Assurance of Pardon:

Read Matthew 28:16-20.

Hear the good news: Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is sovereign over all things in heaven and on earth. In his name, the gospel goes out to anoint a new people of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation into the Triune family of God. He is with us always, even to the end of the age. **Thanks be to God!**

*\*For families with small children\**

*Read the story of Creation from a children's Bible or a simplified translation (like the New International Reader's Version) and talk with your children about how God made us in his image, to live in relationship with him.*

Prayer:

**Dear God, thank you for creating us  
to live in relationship with you.  
Thank you for loving us.**

**We're sorry for when we treat people badly,  
because we know that you love them, too.  
You love all people you have made.**

**Help us to remember that you love us,  
especially when we feel scared.  
Help us to love other people  
as much as you love them.  
Amen.**

*Families may talk about how baptism reminds us that God is making us a new creation. The waters of baptism are like the waters of creation. The Spirit of God hovers over the waters, the Word of God speaks, and we are transformed to be children of God. God is always shaping us to be more like Jesus.*

## Hearing the Word

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

#### Song of Preparation: Spirit of the Living God

*The sermon video will be available on the church website under “Sermons” and on the Church at Home webpage.*

*If households prefer not to watch a sermon video, read the passage together from your preferred translation or a children’s Bible. A sermon manuscript can also be found on the Church at Home webpage if people prefer to read the sermon.*

#### Prayer of Application

**Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—we praise and thank you that you have made us to live in right relationship with you. Remove from our hearts all unrighteousness that hinders our intimacy with you. Fill us with a love for all who bear your image, for all that you have made. In the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the architect of the new humanity, we pray all these things. Amen.**

*\*Shameless plug for a great resource\**



Check out Kids Corner from ReFrame Media, the English language ministry of Back to God Ministries, International. Kids Corner has audio adventures, Bible stories, and faith-forming activities for young children and families. Check it out at <https://kidscorner.reframedia.com>.



#### The Story of Pentecost

What was it like the day that the Holy Spirit came? God



#### The Story of Paul's Conversion



#### The Story of Dorcas

Have you ever met anyone that reminded you of Jesus? Come

## Responding to God's Word

**Song of Response:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

### Prayers of the People:

Check the [Church at Home page](#) for a prayer from one of our elders!

Given the reality that all of us are encouraged to stay at home, reflect together on what you “see” happening in this time. How has your perspective on this changed over the week? This can be a great time for parents to check-in with their kids, and to be honest with their kids about their own struggles and fears. Take a pulse of how each other are doing. What has been joy-filled about this past week? What has been challenging?

Invite everyone to share what they would like to lift up to God, their joys and sorrows, hopes and fears.

Review the “Church Family News” section of the bulletin on the church website.

Close with the Lord’s Prayer.

Check the [Church at Home page](#) for a prayer from one of our elders.

*\*For families with small children\**

*Memorizing the Lord’s Prayer is a great way to equip your children with important worship language. If you’ve already memorized the Lord’s Prayer, start memorizing a Psalm together.*

*Write prayer cards! Fold pieces of construction paper or cardstock into cards and write prayers for people from your church, school, family, or community. Draw a picture on the front, then put the cards in the mail!*

### Offering

If you desire to give financially in this time, please check the bulletin for the most up-to-date options for giving.

**Today’s second offering is for Worship Ministries.** Worship Ministries is a denominational ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America that seeks to support the local church in the area of worship by listening, coaching, and resourcing. The vision of Worship Ministries desires that every worshipping community in the CRCNA experience vibrant gospel proclamation and worship that is directed to God, is biblically based and theologically Reformed, and is characterized by creativity, discernment, spiritual vitality, the faith formation of all worshippers, and a call to serve others. To contribute online visit [crcna.org/worship/donate](http://crcna.org/worship/donate).

### Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord smile upon you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Close by singing the Doxology or an appropriate song.**