
Order of Worship
May 17, 2020

Prepare to worship by reading:

In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:6–8 ESV)

Sing: "Blessed Be Your Name" (click on the title for song video)

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name, oh

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

Acknowledge your sin to God by praying:

Take a few moments and confess your sins to God quietly in your own heart.

Rejoice in God's grace by reading:

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42–45 ESV)

Sing: "In Christ Alone" (click on the title for song video)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Confess what you believe by reading:

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation. (EFCA Statement of Faith)

Missionary Update from the Sigmons:

We hope y'all are doing well and staying healthy. We are still healthy and quarantined. Our brothers and sisters in a certain people group have been experiencing persecution for their faith. The price for basic foods have shot up (with reports of some people starving), and now, the name of this current virus is illegal for people to even say. People are expected to essentially pretend it doesn't exist. And on top of that, severe windstorms have hit a region, causing 700 deaths, hundreds missing and more than one thousand injured. There is extensive damage to homes. Please pray for their faith to remain steadfast and their hope to be in Christ alone. Pray for relief from these difficult trials they're experiencing.

Listen:

“Servant Statutes” Exodus 21:1-11 (click on the title to watch the sermon)

Be encouraged this week by reading:

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV)

Sermon Notes

Questions:

1. Why can these verses be so challenging?
2. How do these verses help you have a richer understanding of what it means to be a servant of the Lord?
3. How do these verses help you to rejoice in the fact that Jesus came and served us?