

Building Faith in the Family

A Resource for Worship in the Home

March 29, 2020

The following order of service is adapted from the Service of Prayer and Preaching on page 260 of our hymnal, Lutheran Service Book. This simple liturgy is designed to help you gather with your family for worship while we are unable to meet together as a congregation.

Invocation

L In the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Verses

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Read John 11:1-53

Reading Response

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory for Lent

L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Apostles' Creed

Sermon

The sermon for today's service can be found on Vimeo. If you don't have access to the sermon, use the following summary and accompanying questions to discuss today's text with your family.

Summary of John 11:1-53

By raising Lazarus, Jesus reveals God's glory and that He is truly the resurrection and the life. Apart from faith in Christ, the fear of death brings hopelessness and despair. Believers, however, can eagerly look forward to the day when Jesus will call them from their graves to live with Him forever (The Lutheran Study Bible, 1804).

Questions for Discussion

1. More than anything else, the story of Jesus and Lazarus is about the meaning of death. Think about what happened in the story, then look at verses 25-27. What did Jesus tell—and later show—Martha about what he can do to death?
2. Now look at John 11:35. What do you find out about Jesus in these verses?
3. How did Jesus bring Lazarus back to life? Look up 1 Thessalonians 4:16, and you'll see how Jesus will bring you—and all his followers—back to life, too.
4. Death is sad. Even Jesus cried when his friend died. But Jesus knew, and we know, a promise that can give us hope even in our sadness. How would you explain that promise?

The Prayers of the Church

- L** Let us pray for the deliverance of all who belong to Christ by faith and for all for whom He died and rose again. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Help us continue to recognize our sin, our need for repentance, and our dependence on our Savior. Put to death those things of the flesh that lead us astray, that we be fed and led by Your life-giving Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** We lift up those who mourn and carry grief and sorrow in the loss of loved ones. Help us learn from our Savior at Lazarus's tomb, that death is not the last word of this life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** For the sake of Your Word, by which You cause repentance and faith to issue from human hearts, guide the leaders of nations and communities in our world to pursue ways of peace and tranquility among people, that Your Word be preached for the salvation of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Comfort and heal all those who are sick or infirm, disabled, or troubled, especially... Breathe Your life-giving Spirit into all in need, that hope, comfort, and peace in You may be theirs. Remind us that our ultimate healing is in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Day

- L** Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

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Benediction

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** **Amen.**

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