

RESURRECTION

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Guided Household Worship

For Couples and Families

Sunday Evening, January 3, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

Sometime before 6:00, gather near a computer and open one of the two livestream locations: the YouTube livestream page on Resurrection's website (resurrectionopc.org/livestream/) or Facebook Live (facebook.com/resurrectionopc/live). Make sure the Internet is working and your speakers are on. [Open the Guided Household Worship audio files page](#) so you can be ready to sing, then try to set the computer aside or cover the screen if possible to reduce distractions.

Meditation

The leader (head of household) should begin household worship by reading:

These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace. (Zechariah 8:16)

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:25-34)

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. (Psalm 55:22)

God's Call to Worship

The leader should read from Colossians 3:1-4:

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Hymn: “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (#528)

Make sure everyone can see a copy of the music and words (preferably printed out) for “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart.” Then, play the [audio file](#) and sing all the stanzas together. It is okay to stand or sit. Immediately after the hymn concludes, the leader will pray a prayer of praise.

Prayer of Praise

The leader should pray, praising God for who He is and what He has done, thanking Him for His good gifts during the day and the past week, and asking for His blessing on this set-aside time of family worship.¹

Confession of Faith

The whole household should recite the Apostles Creed together as a summary of what the Bible teaches about who God is and what He has done for us in the life, death, resurrection, and reign of Christ. The leader may say something like, "Family, what do we believe?" and the household should all say together,

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Psalm: 32A

Make sure everyone can see a copy of the music and words for Psalm 32A. Then, open and play the [audio file](#) and sing all the stanzas together. It is okay to stand or sit.

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

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord
counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

¹ Here are some things you can praise God for in prayer.

God is:

<i>One</i>	<i>Infinite</i>	<i>Everywhere-</i>	<i>Wise</i>	<i>Righteous</i>	<i>Good Merciful</i>	<i>Patient</i>	<i>Triune (Father,</i>
<i>Spirit</i>	<i>Eternal</i>	<i>present</i>	<i>All-powerful</i>	<i>Just</i>	<i>Gracious</i>	<i>Loving</i>	<i>Son, Holy</i>
<i>Simple</i>	<i>Unchangeable</i>	<i>All-knowing</i>	<i>Holy</i>	<i>Sovereign</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>True</i>	<i>Spirit)</i>

Christ is:

<i>Son</i>	<i>Prophet</i>	<i>Eternal</i>	<i>Crucified</i>	<i>Exalted</i>	<i>Spirit-giver</i>
<i>Creator</i>	<i>Priest</i>	<i>Incarnate</i>	<i>Buried</i>	<i>Ascended</i>	
<i>Lord</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Humbled</i>	<i>Resurrected</i>	<i>Coming again</i>	

Prayer Time

The leader should open a prayer thanking God for the Sabbath day and asking for His blessing on your families, the church, and the week ahead. Everyone in the household should be given an opportunity to pray aloud. Pray together until it is time for the sermon to begin at 6:30.

The Sermon

At 6:30, gather around the computer for the live stream of the sermon on Philippians 4:2-7, "From Anxiety to Peace," at <http://resurrectionopc.org/livestream/> or <https://www.facebook.com/resurrectionopc/live/>. The Old Testament reading will be Isaiah 26.

Sermon Outline

1. A Plea for Peace (vv. 2-4)
2. The Path to Peace (vv. 5-6)
3. A Promise of Peace (v. 7)

Hymn Responding to God's Word: "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" (#518)

After the sermon, make sure everyone can see a copy of "Come, My Soul, with Every Care." Then, open and play the [audio file](#) and sing all the stanzas together. It is okay to stand or sit.

At this point, before the closing prayer, feel free to go back and finish any parts of the worship plan that you did not have time to finish before the sermon.

Closing Prayer

The leader should pray, and at the end, everyone may pray the Lord's Prayer together aloud:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Afterwards, the leader may close the time of household worship together by reading from Numbers 6:24-26.

Numbers 6:24-26 says, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Amen!

Everyone may respond by singing the threefold Amen or the doxology.