

RESURRECTION

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

Guided Household Worship

For Couples and Families

Sunday Morning, March 22, 2020, 10:30 A.M.

Sometime before 10:30, gather near a computer and open Resurrection OPC's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/resurrectionopc/>). Make sure the Internet is working and your speakers are on. [Open the first audio file \("Holy, Holy, Holy!"\)](#) 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 Philippians 2:3-8.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

God's Call to Worship

The leader should read from Psalm 113:1-3, where God calls His servants to praise His name because He is worthy of our worship.

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

[Audio File](#)

Make sure everyone can see a copy of the music and words (preferably printed out) for "Holy, Holy, Holy!" Then, play the audio file and sing all four stanzas together. It is okay to stand or sit.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

Immediately after the hymn concludes, the leader will pray a prayer of praise and the whole household may pray the Lord's Prayer together (see the top of the next page).

Prayer of Praise

The leader should pray, praising God for who He is and what He has done, and asking for His blessing on this set-aside time of family worship.¹ The whole household should join in the leader's prayer from their hearts, and then 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.

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!

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

God is:

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

Christ is:

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

The Law of God

Immediately after the Apostle's Creed, the leader should ask the following questions about the law of God:

What is the third commandment?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. *[from Exodus 20:7]*

What is God's will for us in the third commandment?

That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders. In a word, it requires that we use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess him, pray to him, and praise him in everything we do and say. *[from Heidelberg Catechism #99]*

Confessing Our Sins

The head of household should lead the family in confessing their sins together. This prayer of confession may be more specific and personal than in corporate worship, but need not be as specific and personal as when you pray individually. Confess sins your whole family should confess together, and that you should confess as the leader of your family. Always remember to ask for God's forgiveness through the death of Jesus and thank Him for the promises of the Gospel.

Believing God's Promise of Forgiveness

The leader should read aloud 1 John 2:1-2:

1 John 2:1-2 says, "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

In response, the whole household may sing the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Psalm: 46A

[Audio File](#)

Make sure everyone can see a copy of the music and words for Psalm 46A. Then, open and play the audio file and sing all five stanzas together. It is okay to stand or sit.

When you finish singing Psalm 46, it will probably be close to 11:00 and time for the sermon. If you don't get to the Psalm or finish all the stanzas before 11:00, sing it together afterwards.

The Sermon

At 11:00, gather around the computer for the live stream of the sermon on Matthew 27:27-44, "The Crucifixion," at <https://www.facebook.com/resurrectionopc/>. The Old Testament reading will be Psalm 22:1-21.

Sermon Outline

1. True Insults (vv. 27-31)
2. A True Charge (vv. 32-37)
3. A True Savior (vv. 38-44)

Hymn Responding to God's Word: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

[Audio File](#)

After the sermon, make sure everyone can see a copy of the music and words for "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Then, open and play the audio file and sing all three 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 Time

The leader should open a prayer for the needs of the family, the church, the nation, and the world, and thanking God for His blessings. Everyone in the household should be given an opportunity to pray aloud. Here are some of the many things you can pray for:

The world
The government
The Centre County community
Your neighborhood and local friends
The church throughout the world
Foreign missionaries
The persecuted church
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
and Presbytery of Central PA

Resurrection OPC: Our Worship, Walk, and Witness; our leaders; families, singles, children, students, elderly, and those you know of who have particular needs of various kinds (work, health, grief, travel, unsaved and suffering family members and friends, etc.)
Your own family

Closing Song

After the leader prays, the whole family may close the time of household worship together by singing the Doxology.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.