

RESURRECTION ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

Guided Household Worship

For Couples and Families

Sunday Morning, January 3, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

Sometime before 10:30, 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 page (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:

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. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. (Psalm 32:1-7)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." (Revelation 7:9-12)

God's Call to Worship

The leader should read Psalm 9:9-11:

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (#222)

Make sure everyone can see a copy (preferably printed out) of "Let All Things Now Living." Then, play the [audio file](#) and sing. It is okay to stand or sit.

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 read the answers to the following Heidelberg Catechism questions, based on the Apostles Creed. The leader should ask the questions and the household should answer together.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

PART 2: MAN'S DELIVERANCE (WEEKS 5 – 31)

LORD'S DAY 22

*"I believe in . . . the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen."*

56. What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

57. How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

Not only my soul will be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ, will be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.

58. How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?

Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no man has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.

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	Son, Holy
Simple	Unchangeable	All-knowing	Holy	Sovereign	Good	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 catechism, the leader should read 1 Peter 4:7-11:

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:7-11)

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. 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 Titus 3:4-7:

Titus 3:4-7 says, "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

In response, the whole household may sing the Gloria Patri ([optional audio file](#)).

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: 73A

Make sure everyone can see a copy of the music and words for Psalm 73A. Then, open and play the [audio file](#) and sing all the stanzas. It is okay to stand or sit.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to
glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I
desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and
my portion forever.
For behold, those who are far from you shall
perish;
you put an end to everyone who is
unfaithful to you.
But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

When you finish singing Psalm 73A, it will probably be close to 11:00 and time for the sermon. If you don't get to the Psalm or finish singing before 11:00, return to it afterwards.

The Sermon

At 11:00, gather around the computer for the live stream of the sermon on Genesis 9:18-10:32, "The Fall (Reprise)" at <http://resurrectionopc.org/livestream/> or <https://www.facebook.com/resurrectionopc/live/>. The New Testament reading will be Matthew 15:21-28.

Sermon Outline

1. A New Fall (9:18-23)
2. A New Curse (9:24-28)
3. A New Conflict (ch. 10)

Hymn Responding to God's Word: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (#542)

After the sermon, make sure everyone can see a copy of the music and words for "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." 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 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 ([optional audio file](#)).

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.