

House Worship Liturgy Template

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You may want to do some preparing ahead of time. What songs might you sing? What scripture passages would you like to read? If children or youth are going to be present invite them to take part in the planning or be in charge of the entire service. Musicians in the family? Ask them to prepare a song to play alone or to accompany singing.

At the very end of this document is a one page outline without the suggestions. You can fill in the songs you want to sing and scripture passage and print just that page if you desire.

God Greets Us

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God Calls Us to Worship

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;

The whole earth is full of his glory.

-Isaiah 6:3

We Respond with Praise

During this time focus particularly on songs that are directed to God and say something about God's character or actions. If you are not comfortable singing maybe spend some time reflecting on and naming God's attributes.

Bible Song

- Any Psalm might be appropriate here; perhaps Psalm 91 is appropriate for our current reality. Is there a song that someone knows by memory? A short refrain that the children know? (Be Still and Know)
- If you don't sing a Psalm consider reading one. Is there one that is particularly meaningful to someone in attendance?

Songs of Praise

- Sing familiar hymns with just your voices or accompanied by a piano or another instrument, if available. Could you choose a few songs for the next week and have someone practice them during the week?
- Consult hymnary.org for hymn lyrics (and some music sheets) to distribute, if necessary.
- Are there hymnals available in your home? If not, could you borrow a few from your church?
- Don't forget to ask the children and youth present if they have a particular favorite.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit,
 pour out upon us
 wisdom and understanding,
 that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture,
 our hearts and minds may be opened to receive
 all that leads to life and holiness.
 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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God's Word

Some suggestions:

- If you know the scripture passage that is/was scheduled to be preached in your congregation read that one.
- Choose a text to use with Lectio Divina (see post [here](#))
- Read the text associated with a devotional you have available such as [Today](#) which is available in print, online, a daily email, or an app. (See <https://today.reframemedia.com/> for more info).

Response to the Reading of God's Word

The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God!

Reflecting on God's Word

Here are some options:

- Worshipers can practice *lectio divina* with the week's Scripture reading (see [this guide available in this post](#)), or another Scripture text.
- Worshipers can read the week's Scripture text ahead of time and each come with thoughts and reflections on it.

- You can ask one person to prepare some thoughts on the passage to share with those gathered.
- If you choose a reading from a devotional you have available you can read the devotional as a reflection.

Prayer Time

Remember that the Psalms give us a model of prayer that encompasses the entire span of human emotions and that God welcomes our laments as well as our praises, our sorrows and our joys, our fears and doubts as well as our professions of faith. Here are some options for spending time together in prayer:

- One person could prepare a prayer.
- Leave open space for everyone to speak their prayers, including praises, and concerns, and then finish with one voice offering a prayer for all.
- Share prayer requests, praises, and concerns and then pray aloud together "popcorn" style, with one person opening and another closing the prayer time.
- Model your prayer time after the "[Five-Finger Prayer](http://network.crcna.org)" found on the CRC's Network. (network.crcna.org)

The Lord's Prayer

Finish the prayer time saying the Lord's Prayer together.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever.
Amen**

Blessing

One person may offer the blessing to God's people gathered. Here are a few options of blessings taken from scripture:

- May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-Romans 15:13, NRSV

- The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

-Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you. Amen.

-2 Corinthians 13:13, NRSV

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