**Home Worship for April 2021**

*(A simplified form suitable for individual, family, or small-group devotion.)*

**STOP.** Take a minute to quiet yourself. Breathe in and out slowly. Remember that God is present.

**Prayer**

“O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

**REMEMBER Your Day**

Review your day. Give thanks for it.

What gave you joy? Where or how did you experience God’s presence?

What was other than what you would have wished? Where or how did it feel like God was absent?

Reflect on your feelings.

Remember that you are living forgiven!

In light of all this, how do you want to live tomorrow?

Don’t judge! Be honest and open.

**LOOK**. (See the Daily Lectionary on page 4.)

*Slowly* read the Bible reading.

Then pause, and reflect with these prompts:

* What word or phrase captures your attention?
* What feelings are roused within you?
* What questions, concerns, or issues arise? Is there an invitation? An invitation to do, or to be?
* What is God up to in this text?
* What is the good news here? What would be a modern parallel of that good news?
* What is the trouble or problem here that God is responding to? What would be a modern parallel of that trouble?

(If you get “stuck”: Discuss the gospel text with someone else. Or read it in a different translation. Or read the verses in the Bible around this text. Or see what the daily reflection in the *Christ in Our Home* devotional has to say.)

**LISTEN.**

Take a minute of silence for meditation.

Then:

* What are your feelings as you reflect on this Bible reading?
* What questions do you have of it?
* How did you experience God is this reading and reflection?
* How will you respond in light of this reading?
* How do this Bible reading and your contemplation speak to your day’s review?

**PRAY.**

Simply talk to God, thank Jesus for the good, and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in specific problems.

End with the Lord’s Prayer:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.”

**BLESSING.**

“We remember that we are children of God. God has sealed us by the Holy Spirit and marked us with the cross of Christ forever. God is for us! Amen.”

**Daily Lectionary**

Maundy Thursday, April 1: John 13:1-17, 31-35

Good Friday, April 2: John 18:1-19:42

April 3: Romans 6:3-11

**Easter Sunday, April 4: Mark 16:1-8**

April 5: Matthew 28:9-15

April 6: 1 Corinthians 15:35-39

April 7: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

April 8: Acts 2:42-47

April 9: Acts 4:23-31

April 10: Psalm 133

**Sunday, April 11: John 20:19-31**

April 12: 1 John 2:3-11

April 13: Psalm 135

April 14: Isaiah 26:1-15

April 15: Psalm 4

April 16: 1 John 2:26-28

April 17: Luke 22:24-30

**Sunday, April 18: Luke 24:36-48**

April 19: 1 John 3:10-16

April 20: 2 John 1-6

April 21: Mark 16:9-18

April 22: Psalm 23

April 23: Acts 4:1-4

April 24: Mark 6:30-34

**Sunday, April 25: John 10:11-18**

April 26: Mark 1:1-15

April 27: Revelation 7:13-17

April 28: Micah 7:8-20

April 29: Acts 8:1-8

April 30: Acts 8:9-25

May 1: John 14:8-14