



HOME LITURGY // MAY 10th

Call to Worship:

1 Chronicles 29:10–13

[10] “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. [11] Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. [12] Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. [13] And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

(All Songs can be accessed on our [YOUTUBE](#) or [SPOTIFY](#) playlists)

Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

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Verse 1

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

Verse 2

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
who was, and is, and evermore shall be.*

Verse 3

*Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in power, love, and purity.*

Verse 4

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

Confession of Sin

We confess our sins to God because he is holy and we are not. Yet he is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, showing mercy to all who call on him. Pray this prayer of confession:

*Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
To continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
Isolated than involved, callous that compassionate,
Obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.*

In addition to the above prayer, spend some time confessing specific sins in private prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

The good news of the gospel is that in Christ our sins are removed. But there's more -- we are welcomed into the family of God and filled with His presence. Receive and rejoice in this assurance of pardon as you read it aloud, Romans 8:15–16

[15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Missional Prayer

Spend some time praying for God's Kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

- **Happy Mother's Day** - Spend some time praying for the Mothers in your life. Thank God for them. Ask Him to give them strength and the joy of His presence. Pray also for those experiencing pain and sorrow related to loss and longing on this Mother's Day. Ask for the God of all comfort to comfort them in their troubles (2 Corinthians 1:3).
- **King's Hill Church - Boston, MA (Mission Hill)** - Pray for Pastor Jonathan Mosely and the congregation. Pray specifically that they would continue to stay connected as a church body during this unique and challenging time.

Passing of Peace

During this time we encourage you to send a text message to a few people in the church. Let them know you are praying for them and perhaps send them an encouraging passage from Scripture.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:1–11

[1] Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

[2] Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. [3] For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—[4] though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: [5] circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6] as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. [7] But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. [8] Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—[10] that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11] that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (ESV)

Teaching Video

Click either link - Vimeo or YouTube to watch a Teaching on Philippians 3:1-11 from Pastor Kevin --

[06 Joy in Knowing Christ \(Vimeo\)](#)

[06 Joy in Knowing Christ \(YouTube\)](#)

(Find an additional lesson and activity for the kids [HERE](#))

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

HEAD: Questions aimed at our minds to help us *understand* God's word.

- Describe the false teaching that Paul is warning against in verse 2. (For more background read Acts 15:1-11)
- What characteristics does Paul list in verse 3 to describe the true people of God?
- What does it mean to put your confidence in the flesh? What are all of the ways Paul used to do this?
- Kids - Begin memorizing Question 32 from the New City Catechism -
 - Q -- What do justification and sanctification mean?
 - A -- Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

HEART: Questions aimed at our affections to help us *love* God.

- Why do you think we are prone to pursue righteousness with God by our own works?
- Consider the condition of your heart at this moment, can you say with Paul that you count all things loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ? Why/ why not?
- Paul reflects on his sinful past of self-righteousness in order to praise God for the work of grace in his life today. Reflect for a moment on how God has delivered you and praise him for it!
- Kids- Think about a time when you received a really great gift. Now think about a time where you worked to earn something. What's the difference between the two? (*Parents - Help your kids see that salvation is a free gift of grace, not something earned by works*)

HANDS: Questions aimed at our hands to help us *live* for God (Personally, Communally, and Missionally).

- Jesus saves us from all other saviors. In what ways are you trusting in your own good works to obtain God's favor? How does that lead to failure and frustration?
- Read Matthew 11:28-30. What does Jesus tell you to do when you are overwhelmed by this failure and frustration?
- Verse 1 is a command -- "Rejoice in the LORD." What are some practical ways you can continually remind yourself of the gospel and thus cultivate a life of rejoicing in the LORD?
- Kids -- If Jesus has done ALL of the work to save us by his life, death, and resurrection - why does he still want us to obey and live for him? (Parents - help your kids see that changed hearts want to obey God, not to earn, but out of love and gratitude.)

Song: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (The Solid Rock)

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Verse 1:

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Chorus:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

Verse 2:

*When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.*

Verse 3:

*His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.*

Verse 3

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.*

Song: His Mercy is More

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Verse 1:

*Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't
Stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
(We do)*

Verse 1

*What love could remember,
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more*

Chorus

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, New every morn'
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more*

Verse 2

*What patience would wait
as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us
home
He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy
is more*

Verse 3

*What riches of kindness He
lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more*

Song of Benediction: Now To Him

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*Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling,
To him who will keep you 'till the end
To Him be the glory, the honor, and power,
Forever and ever, Amen,
Forever and ever, Amen*