

Guide for Family Worship

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Dear Congregation,

The following order of service and sermon (podcast) by Dr. Tim Keller on Psalm 91 are recommended for you to use for family worship this Sunday. May God richly bless you.

Please find the podcast at <https://podcast.gospelinlife.com/e/prayer-of-rest/>

The Order of Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 18:2-3

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Hymn 92)

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great;
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;

The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is for ever.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Words of Assurance: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus Paid It All (Hymn 308)

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all,
All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power, and thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots,
And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I
Whereby thy grace to claim—
I will wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's lamb.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 91:1-16

1He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

3For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

4He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

5You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

6nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

*7A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
8You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
9Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—
10no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
11For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
12On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
13You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
14“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.
15When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
16With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”*

Message: Prayer of Rest” (<https://podcast.gospelinlife.com/e/prayer-of-rest/>)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn 32)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

"Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
"Great is thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Closing Blessing: Romans 15:13

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