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## Preparation for Worship

### **PRAYER - BEN**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which you have won for us,  
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.  
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
may we know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. **Amen.**

### **THE LAW OF GOD - ABBY**

*(Exodus 20:1-17)*

God spoke all these words, saying,  
I am the Lord your God.  
You shall have no other gods before me.  
You shall not make for yourself an idol,  
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above  
or that is on the earth beneath,  
or that is in the water under the earth.  
You shall not bow down to them or worship them.  
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house;  
you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,  
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### **SUMMARY OF THE LAW - DAD**

*(Matthew 22:37-40)*

Our Lord Jesus said:  
You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.  
This is the greatest and first commandment.  
And a second is like it:  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.

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## The Service for the Lord's Day

### **CALL TO WORSHIP - MOM/ ALL**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
*(Ps. 118:24)*

### **OPENING PRAYER - BEN**

O God, you are infinite,  
eternal and unchangeable,  
glorious in holiness,  
full of love and compassion,  
abundant in grace and truth.  
Your works everywhere praise you,  
and your glory is revealed  
in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Therefore we praise you,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
one God, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

*He Who Is Mighty*

#### **VERSE 1**

Oh, the mercy our God has shown  
To those who sit in death's shadow  
The sun on high pierced the night  
Born was the Cornerstone  
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born

#### **CHORUS**

He Who is mighty has done a great thing  
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting  
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame  
Holy is His name

#### **VERSE 2**

Oh, the freedom our Savior won  
The yoke of sin has been broken  
Once a slave, now by grace  
No more condemnation  
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born

#### **BRIDGE**

Now my soul magnifies the Lord  
I rejoice in the God Who saves  
I will trust His unfailing love  
I will sing His praises all my days

**CALL TO CONFESSION - ABBY**

If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
In humility and faith  
let us confess our sin to God.  
*(1 John 1:8, 9)*

**CONFESSION OF SIN - ALL**

**(SILENCE)**

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS - DAD**

Hear the good news!  
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to  
save sinners.  
He himself bore our sins  
in his body on the cross,  
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.  
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**Amen.**  
*(1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24)*

**EXHORTATION - MOM**

As God's own people,  
be merciful in action,  
kindly in heart, humble in mind.  
Be always ready to forgive

as freely as God has forgiven you.  
And, above everything else,  
be loving, and never forget to be thankful  
for what Christ has done for you.  
(See Col. 3:12–14)

#### **THE PEACE - BEN**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### **THE WORD - ABBY**

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.  
**Amen**

(The family will share something on their hearts that God is showing them from his word.)

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED -DAD/ ALL**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Mom: Almighty God,  
in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray,  
and to offer our petitions to you in his name.  
Guide us by your Holy Spirit,  
that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Let us pray for the world.  
*Silent prayer.*

Ben: God our creator,  
you made all things in your wisdom,  
and in your love you save us.  
We pray for the whole creation.  
Overthrow evil powers, right what is wrong,  
feed and satisfy those who thirst for justice,  
so that all your children may freely enjoy the earth you have made, and joyfully sing your  
praises;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the church.  
*Silent prayer*

Abby: Gracious God,  
you have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ.  
Keep us one in faith and service,  
breaking bread together,  
and proclaiming the good news to the world,  
that all may believe you are love,  
turn to your ways,  
and live in the light of your truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for peace.  
*Silent prayer*

Dad: Eternal God,  
you sent us a Savior, Christ Jesus,  
to break down the walls of hostility that divide us.  
Send peace on earth,  
and put down greed, pride, and anger,  
which turn nation against nation and race against race.  
Speed the day when wars will end  
and the whole world accepts your rule;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for enemies.  
*Silent prayer.*

Mom: O God,  
whom we cannot love unless we love our neighbors,  
remove hate and prejudice from us and from all people,  
so that your children may be reconciled  
with those we fear, resent, or threaten;  
and live together in your peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who govern us.  
*Silent prayer.*

Ben: Mighty God,  
sovereign over the nations,  
direct those who make, administer, and judge our laws;  
the President of the United States  
and others in authority among us;  
that, guided by your wisdom,  
they may lead us in the way of righteousness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the sick.  
*Silent prayer.*

Abby: Merciful God,  
you bear the pain of the world.  
Look with compassion on those who are sick (especially on \_\_\_\_.);  
cheer them by your word,  
and bring healing as a sign of your grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who sorrow.  
*Silent prayer.*

Dad: God of comfort,  
stand with those who sorrow (especially \_\_\_\_\_);  
that they may be sure that neither death nor life,  
nor things present nor things to come,  
shall separate them from your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for friends and families.  
*Silent prayer.*

Mom: God of compassion,  
bless us and those we love,  
our friends and families;  
that, drawing close to you,  
we may be drawn closer to each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ben: Mighty God,  
whose Word we trust,  
whose Spirit enables us to pray:  
Accept our requests through Jesus Christ, who rules over all things. **Amen.**