

There are 5 days of personal worship below. Much of the liturgy is the same each day in order to go deep through the familiar.

There are two songs I recommend for this week's worship. While there are youtube links below where you can listen to them for free, I do recommend that you purchase them online: *Indelible Grace*, *The Hymn Sing: Live in Nashville*, **Come Ye Sinners** & **On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

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Each day we will consider Exodus 12 and the Redemption of God. The Passover was not just to be a one-time event for the people of God. It was to be entered into and re-celebrated physically each New Year. The Lord's Supper is the fulfillment of the Passover and in it we celebrate the amazing redemption of God. Each day we will consider a different aspect of what it means for God to be the Redeemer and what that means for us as part of Church of the Redeemer.

May God meet you in your mind, heart, and will each day and may you worship him well.

Monday

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Opening Prayer

O God, Eternal King and Father of all mercies,
whose light divides the day from the night
and turns the shadow of death into the morning:
To know you is eternal life
and to serve you is perfect freedom:
Drive far from us all wrong desires,
incline our hearts to keep your law,
and guide our feet into the way of peace;
that we may do your will with cheerfulness during the day,
and when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks;
through Jesus Christ, our risen and reigning Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

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Scripture Readings

Psalms: Psalm 68

Exodus 12

- 1) Read Exodus 3:14-18
- 2) Consider what it must have been like for the people of God to know that God saw the state of their bondage and heard their prayers.
- 3) Read Exodus 12:24-27
- 4) God gave his people a new New Year's Ceremony in the Passover that reminded them in a holistic fashion that he was, is, and will be their Redeemer.
 - a. What is the message of the Passover?
 - b. Why does he make them go through all the hoopla and details each and every year?
- 5) Reflect that today, God is still the Redeemer who rescues you from your bondage to slavery through the blood of the lamb. Reflect and respond to God in worship.

Confession

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Father, we confess our pride, self-righteousness, private grudges, and secret lusts.

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Closing Prayer

Eternal God,
by a star you led magi to the worship of your Son,
and brought the nations to your light.
Guide the nations of the earth by your light
that the whole world may see your glory,
through him who is the true light and the bright morning star,
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Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,
that we may trust in your defense,
and may not fear the power of any adversaries.
Preserve us with your mighty power,
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- 1) Read Exodus 12:1-14
- 2) Re-read v11. Why were they to eat the Exodus in such a manner? (With their Hiking Boots, on, their walking stick in hand, and their clothes belted up for work)
- 3) The rescue of the Passover was *from* bondage and to a new life, identity, and work. Reflect on what God has saved you to. What have you been Redeemed for?
- 4) God the Redeemer repeatedly reorients us. Take some time to reflect on the question above and respond to God about where you need to be reoriented (i.e., What has he redeemed you for or to?)

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Closing Prayer

Holy Father,
at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Grant that we, who are baptized into his name,
may keep the covenant you have made with us in Christ
and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior.
Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit,
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Psalms: Psalm 70

Exodus

- 1) Read Exodus 12:14-20 (leaven and yeast are the same thing) and summarize the instructions in your own words
- 2) There are two potential reasons and thinking behind the Feast of Unleavened Bread that was part of the annual Passover. We will consider one today and the other tomorrow.
- 3) Read 1 Corinthians 5:6-13. What does leaven represent here and what might the point of the Feast of Unleavened Bread be in preparation for the Passover Meal?
- 4) Review Exodus 12:14-20- How serious was God about getting rid of all the yeast?
- 5) How much do you see recommitting to riding your life of sin as part of God's Redemptive work?
- 6) Take some time to ask God to convict you of how the yeast of sin might have pervaded your heart and mind (Review 1 Corinthians 5:6-13)

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God of majesty and light,
we thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son,
and for claiming our lives in baptism to be his glad disciples.
By your Spirit, may peace and power descend upon us
that we may follow him with grateful hearts,
standing firm to resist the devil's schemes
and taking up our cross to die to our sinful flesh and fallen world.
Take us and all we have to be useful in your service,
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- 2) Read Exodus 12:30-40. Why did the original participants in the Exodus have to eat unleavened bread?
- 3) Read Deuteronomy 16:1-4. What is other name given for the Unleavened Bread?
- 4) Review Exodus 12:15 & 19. Why, in God's mind, is it so important for his people to participate in this part of the original Exodus each year?
- 5) Reflect on how you respond to suffering and difficulty.
- 6) How is our walking the way of the Cross (suffering, crucifixion, death, and resurrection) part of God's Redemption, i.e., what is the role of suffering and affliction?
- 7) Take some time to talk to God about the last two questions above and ask him to help you not resent or avoid the way of the Cross, but to recommit to eating the bread of affliction on the way of the Cross. .

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and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom.
Like Jesus' first apostles, may we hear and obey his call to discipleship,
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Scripture Readings

Psalms: Psalm 72

Exodus 12

- 1) Read Lamentations 3:1-26
- 2) Read again v1-20 and consider the why and how this man is afflicted and suffering?
- 3) Read again v21-26. What is this man's hope in the midst of affliction and suffering? What is his hope not in?
- 4) Our confession (words) and repentance (seeking to change) does not atone for our sins, only the blood of the lamb Jesus. The children of Israel were not "Passed-over" because of their goodness or because of their confession or repentance, it was because their homes were marked with the blood of the Lamb.
- 5) Take some time to reflect and meditate on how your confession and repentance doesn't earn your forgiveness.
- 6) Read Lamentations 3:21-24 again and respond to God in worship.

Confession

God you call us to remember that we are saved in order to be sanctified. You call us to make every effort to cleanse our hearts of the yeast of sin.

Father, we acknowledge that you have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to sin. You call us to sweep it away from every area of our lives.

But, we so often tolerate sin in our lives and allow it to take root in our hearts. From here, it spreads through our entire lives.

Father, we confess our pride, self-righteousness, private grudges, and secret lusts.

Father, we confess that we are selective when it comes to receiving or showing your grace. We still live as those in bondage to sin. This more than simple brokenness, it is rebellion.

Father, we confess that we have undisciplined hearts and minds. We neglect the reading of your Word, private prayers, and Biblical community with other believers.

O Lord, we acknowledge that so called small sins are like yeast: they spread to every area of our lives.

O Lord, grant us the grace and mercy to be a people who seek to get rid of any and all sin in our hearts. May we examine ourselves and not give evil a foothold in our lives. Hold us up, keep us, teach us, and let us not go wrong to the glory of your Name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Intercession

Pray for specific needs:

- *Personal: your personal life*
- *Local: your family, friends, enemies, neighbors; your local church and other local churches; your neighborhood, town/city, state, and nation*
- *Global: the worldwide church, other nations/cultures*

Consider using particular themes and words from the psalms, hymns, scripture readings, and other prayers to guide the content and language of your specific prayers.

Song of Commitment- On Jordan's Story Banks

You can listen to the song here on Youtube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTVMJW58osg>), but I do recommend you pay to download the song.

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (*I am bound*)

I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.
(*Repeat chorus*)

4. When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?
(*Repeat chorus*)

Closing Prayer

Almighty God,
you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom
and to teach with authority.
Anoint us with your Spirit,
that we too may bring good news to the poor,
bind up the brokenhearted,
and proclaim liberty to the captive;
through our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*