

**Liturgy for Home Worship**  
**March 22, 2020**

*This liturgy is intended as a help to guide you through Sunday worship at home. You may wish to read it silently or out loud. Heads of households are encouraged to lead their families through the liturgy, but they need not do so rigidly. Some readings may be done in unison, or it may work better for your family to have one person read while others listen. We have suggested hymns and provided links to lyrics and audio, and hymnals are available upon request. But feel free to substitute other songs to suit the abilities of participants. Hymns may be sung, or simply reflected on. Our aim is to worship the Lord and have our souls fed by him. Use this liturgy so far as it helps you and your family to do so.*

**Call to Worship**

I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.  
—Psalm 22.22-24

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymn of Praise to God**  
*Hymn No. 9*

ALL YOU THAT FEAR JEHOVAH'S NAME  
*Audio* <https://bit.ly/33uVzUk>  
*Lyrics* <https://bit.ly/2x7KA7h>

**Confession of Sin**

O Lord, you promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us. Humbly we come, seeking your forgiveness; that we may know the joy of your presence, the light of your face. You alone know our hearts: how often we have offended you, how often we have offended others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought, every false word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have lived not for you, but for ourselves. Forgive us for failing to give you thanks, for our neglect of prayer, our ignorance of your Word, our loss of purpose. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us; by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of God's Pardon

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

—1 Peter 1.18-21

## Hymn of Praise to Christ

*Hymn No. 166*

WONDROUS KING, ALL-GLORIOUS

Audio <https://bit.ly/33wre7T>

Lyrics <https://bit.ly/33BMtVY>

## Confession of Faith

What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

**Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 12

## Prayers for the Church and the World

- Pray for God's mercy and intervention in the pandemic: For the halt of the spread of the virus; for the protection of our healthcare workers; for wisdom and courage for our leaders; and for the success of those searching for cures.
- Pray that God would strengthen his church to be a faithful witness to his glory and goodness in a world overwhelmed by fear and panic.
- Pray also for the various needs of your neighbors, family, and friends.

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 11.1-7

## Sermon

"Faith's Response to Fear's Counsel"<sup>2</sup>

Rev. Ron Gonzales

Posted at <https://covenantwallawalla.org>

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<sup>1</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scriptures, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well (Jas 2.8).

<sup>2</sup> Originally preached on February 12, 2017. Future sermons will be recorded each week.

## The Doxology

Audio <https://bit.ly/3b9bWIL>

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavy host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
—Numbers 6.24-26