

Grandview Church All-Ages Worship at Home Sunday March 22nd 2020

Consider holding your time for worshipping at home at the same time as you usually attend the worship service on Sunday. Remind the children in your home that people from our church community and around the world are worshipping God now, hearing stories of Jesus and praying for each other and the world. It is the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that connects us all, even when we are apart.

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We are glad to gather here today on the traditional, unceded territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

(Or Coast Salish peoples, depending on where you live.)

All: We are glad to gather in the light of Christ.

(light a candle as a sign of Christ's light in your home and in the world)

One: O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

All: as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Depending of the ages of the children in your home, you could sing one or both of the following songs:

Song: Behold

Behold, behold.

Behold, behold.

Behold the Lamb

Who takes away

The sin of the world.

Have mercy

Have mercy

Have mercy on us.

Song: Libermanos

Libermanos, Libermanos

Libermanos, Libermanos

From the darkness that surrounds us

And the fear we carry inside us

**Liberanos, Liberos
Jesucristo, liberos**

**Liberanos, Liberos,
Por tu sangre sacrosanta
Liberanos**

Psalm Reading: Psalm 23

(One person can read the passage or you can take turns each reading a verse.)

Story: A woman anoints Jesus*

From Mark 14:1-9

or from *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, "Washed with tears," p.280

**If there are no children in your home, you may choose to listen to the sermon at this point instead. The recording of the sermon is included in the Grandview worship email for this Sunday.*

Wondering Together

These are wondering questions that don't have right or wrong answers. This is a time to reflect with your heart and imagination (and not quite so much with your rational brain). Just follow your kids' lead; they know what it's about.

- I wonder what part of this story is your favourite
- I wonder what part of this story you think is the most important, a part you couldn't leave out
- I wonder what it would be like to kneel down before Jesus like he is your king, to wash his feet with your tears and to pour expensive perfume over his feet
- I wonder what it was like when the Important People were angry at the woman and at Jesus
- I wonder what it was like when Jesus smiled at the woman and forgave her
- I wonder how it feels to know that we'll never be good enough, that we need Jesus to rescue us
- I wonder what it is like when Jesus forgives us and rescues us

You may want to allow for some quiet time for people in your home to draw about the story or you may want to move right into "Praying for Others" (below).



Praying for Others: Resting Prayer

Put on some calm music and get in a restful position. Imagine resting in the arms of God. Soak in God's love and peace. Then when you are ready, think about the person you want to pray for – Imagine that God is giving that person a big, warm hug filled with peace and love.

Song: O God of Tender Mercies

O, God of tender mercies we call

O, God of endless glory we call to you

May you dawn from on high

And bring us the light that will lead our feet to peace (repeat)

And for those who sit in the shadow of death

May your light shine bright as day.

And for we who sit in the shadow of death

May your light shine bright as day.

O, God of tender mercies we call

O, God of endless glory we call to you

Blessing

(This can be said all together or one person can say the blessing over those who are gathered.)

From dust you came

To dust you shall return.

Blessed be the name of the LORD

For God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

Blow out the Christ candle at the end of your worship time together.