

Sun Mar 29, 2020

WORSHIP AT HOME

WITH VICTORIA ALLIANCE CHURCH

A note before we begin...

If you are worshiping on your own today, or even with a small group of family members or friends, there will be some things that just feel awkward about this experience. Still, we are encouraging you to lean in, and try it out anyway. Everything gets easier with familiarity. As much as possible, read, pray, sing, and declare things out loud – for there is a spiritual power to the spoken word that we should never underestimate. You may find this strange at first – but again, the more you try, the easier it becomes.

If you have younger worshipers with you, please do your best to involve them in all aspects of worship. They are watching you and taking their lead from you. As you participate fully, they will also dive in.

If you plan to tune into our video teaching at the same time as others in our community (recommended) then you will want to begin your worship at home time at around 9:30am PST.

Before you start, we suggest that you skim through this resource in advance, and set up your computer or phone with the link for our broadcast (victoriaalliance.online.church).

If you have any issues with “technical” aspects of what we are providing as resources, please reach out to us with an email (office@victoriaalliance.ca). We will do our best to offer help as soon as we can.

Now, let's begin...

ENTERING WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

If you have one available, and feel safe doing so, light a candle and say these words aloud:

"We light this candle to remind ourselves that Jesus is the Light of the world, and He is with us always."

PRAISE & ADORATION

Take a few moments to do one or more of the following:

- Sing a hymn of praise acapella (suggestion: Great is Thy Faithfulness, lyrics to the right)
- Sing a song of praise along with our church
Spotify List:
 - Suggestions: **Holy Spirit, Come;**
Forever Reign; Desert Song
 - Or **[click Here for our church Spotify profile](#)**
- Find an item in your home that reminds you of God's presence with you. Bring it near for your worship time.
- Write a letter to God, taking time to reflect on His help and guidance during this past week.

"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 FOREVER 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!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Take a few moments to pray, lifting up your requests before God for:

- Your household
- The neighbours on your street
- Frontline healthcare and general service providers
- Our leaders

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Open your Bible to **Galatians 5:22- 25** and read it aloud.

Or read the NIV translation below:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

MESSAGE

Watch the video recording of our message with others around the city at the link provided here: **victoriaalliance.online.church** (type this into any browser)

The video will go live at **10am PST**, and will remain accessible throughout the week. The chat will be open fifteen minutes before and thirty minutes after our live feed, so feel free to tune in a little earlier if you want to say hello!

Message Notes:

Praying in step with the Spirit:

1. Welcome the Spirit's leading
2. Listen for God's first word
3. Listen for and pray the Truth
4. Listen to and affirm the Lordship of Jesus

RESPONSE

REFLECTION

- What do you sense the Holy Spirit is speaking with you about?
- Have you moved to a place of listening as you pray? Which suggested step might help you most as you grow in that practice?
- If you are with others, take a few moments to share what stood out for you in the reading or message today.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to faithfully respond to His leading.

OFFERING

- Continue in worship as you prepare to give generously to support the mission of making Jesus known among us, around us, beyond us.
- Options for giving at home here: [**https://www.victoriaalliance.ca/pages/give**](https://www.victoriaalliance.ca/pages/give)
- Pray, asking God to guide our leaders to make wise decisions and to carry out good stewardship of the gifts presented for God's glory.
- If you or someone you know needs assistance, or if you have a resource of time you would like to donate as we seek to connect people with resources, please get in touch with our office. (email [**office@victoriaalliance.ca**](mailto:office@victoriaalliance.ca))

SENDING

BENEDICTION - A GOOD WORD

Say aloud:

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

(Romans 15:13)

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

As we extinguish the candle we lit at the beginning of our service, remember that we carry the light of Jesus into the world wherever we go.

MAKING JESUS KNOWN

Take a moment to think of 1 or 2 people you would normally connect with on a Sunday morning gathering. Call them now and let them know you are thinking of them. If it seems appropriate, ask them how you can best be praying for them in the week ahead.

CHECKING IN

If you have the time, send us a quick email to let us know how your worship at home experience went. We rely heavily upon your feedback as we create new resources to support you through the social distancing days. Email: **office@victoriaalliance.ca**

If you are on **Facebook** or **Instagram**, tag us in a quick pic of your worship at home time and use the hashtag #VACeveryday to encourage our wider faith community.

See you (online) next week!