

REFRESH

Sun July 19, 2020

WORSHIP AT HOME

WITH VICTORIA ALLIANCE CHURCH

A note before we begin...

Thank you for making space and taking the time to worship with us today. This guide is intended to be a framework for full participation in worship from the comfort of your own home.

Use as much or as little of the material as you'd like, but we do encourage you to step in and try something new for God's glory. Read aloud, sing along, clap your hands, or simply invite God's leading into your life. Every journey begins with a step, and if you let Him, Jesus will faithfully lead you on an incomparable path of grace, mercy and love. One step at a time!

If you have younger worshipers with you, we encourage you to involve them in all aspects of this time of worship. Your full participation will inspire them to jump in too, and their participation may just inspire you right back!

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 **9:45 am**, as the chat opens at **10:15am** and the Sermon Stream will begins at **10:30am**.

Before you start, we suggest that you skim through this Worship at Home Guide in advance, and set up your computer or phone with the link for our broadcast, easily found on our website, victoriaalliance.ca.

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 us that Jesus is the Light of the world, and He is with us always."

PRAISE & ADORATION

- Sing an a cappella hymn (suggestion: **In My Life Lord**)
- Take a moment to invite the Holy Spirit to speak with you. Imagine a bookshelf. Place on the shelf the things you have been carrying around this week as concerns. Let yourself put them down as you enter into worship. God may want to speak with you about them, but in this moment, you don't need to hold them anymore. Trust them to God's shelf.
- Sing a song of praise along with our church **Spotify List D**:
Suggestions:
 - **Jesus Messiah**
 - **God is Able**
 - **Spirit of the Living God**
- Find a slip of paper and write down three words that reflect how you are feeling today. At the bottom of the list write "Jesus is my Lord. I trust Him. Always."

IN MY LIFE LORD,
BE GLORIFIED, BE GLORIFIED
IN MY LIFE LORD,
BE GLORIFIED TODAY

IN MY SONG, LORD
BE GLORIFIED, ETC

IN YOUR CHURCH LORD
BE GLORIFIED, ETC

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ONLINE VIDEO

The next few portions of our Worship At Home service will take place as part of our online video. Please tune in with others around the city at victoriaalliance.online.church (type this into any browser).

Community chat begins at **10:15 am** and the video starts at **10:30am** (PT).

If you're participating at any other time, the video will remain accessible throughout the week via our church website (victoriaalliance.ca), on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), or on our [YouTube Channel](#).

WELCOME

Greg Kuhn will spend a few moments laying out the plan for the service and inviting us into worship. Feel free to pass along your hello in the chat box! We're so glad you are here!

WORSHIP IN SONG

SHARING STORIES: BLACK LIVES MATTER

We are aware these days that our belief in how the beautiful image of God has been imprinted into every person is intersecting with the dissonance of some of our systems that have been established that dismiss the value of our sisters and brothers who are Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour. As a community we are intentionally making space to listen, learn, reflect, and be reformed by the Spirit. Today Pastor Kyla sits down with Mark Ahenda as he shares some of his experiences.

SCRIPTURE READING

The scripture passage for this week is being read for us on our video portion by Natalie Bell. You can read along in your Bibles. The passage is: [**Matthew 6:9-13**](#)

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob will follow with a message from our "Refresh" sermon series.

RESPONSE

REFLECTION

- What is one takeaway from today's service that you can use to shape your walk this week?
- Is there a particular area of your life that you feel would benefit from a refreshed posture in prayer?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to continue speaking with you this week about such things. Invite God to guide you as you desire to remain in step with the Spirit's 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>
- 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)

SENDING

BENEDICTION - A GOOD WORD

Say aloud Galatians 6:18 (CEB):

"Brothers and sisters, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen."

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

How might you share God's care with those around you this week?

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 this season of social distancing. 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!