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Sun Apr 19, 2020

WORSHIP AT HOME WITH VICTORIA ALLIANCE CHURCH

A note before we begin...

If you are worshipping on your own today, or even with a small group of family members or friends, we hope you will take this opportunity to allow yourself to step into the story and retelling of the Holy Week experience that ultimately led through places of life, death, and resurrection power!

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 **10 am**, as the Sermon Stream will begin at around **10:30am** (although the chat opens at 10:15am).

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.

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

Sing a hymn of praise accapella (suggestion: **Great is Thy Faithfulness**, lyrics to the right.)

- Sing a song of praise along with our **church Spotify Lists**.
Suggestions:
 - **This is Amazing Grace**
 - **Your Grace is Enough**
 - **10,000 Reasons**
- Think of as many ways to finish this sentence as you can: God, this week I saw you_____.
- Create a Journal entry or Diary to God, taking time to reflect on the nature of God and His faithfulness throughout this past week.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

- Your household
- Our faith community spread out across the city
- Our world leaders
- Finish your prayer time with the Lord's Prayer:
 - *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.*

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 THEE

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Open a Bible to **Luke 24:13-15** and read it aloud.

Or read the passage from the CEB version:

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey.

Note: for a fuller account of the passage, Read **Luke 24:13-35**.

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 **10:30am 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!

If for some reason we are experiencing technical difficulties with this portion of the service, you will hear from us via email or on Instagram & Facebook.

RESPONSE

REFLECTION

- What do you sense the Holy Spirit is speaking with you about?
- What or who is coming to mind as you consider the message?
- 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>
- 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:

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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!