

CARRYING THE GOSPEL INTO THE WORLD

Psalm 62:1-8; John 12:1-8 // Morning Prayer

This service brings together all themes covered in this series, spurring worshippers to carry the principles into their everyday lives. Here are some materials to get you started creating your own worship service.

MAIN THEME: *The Christian Life*

CHOOSING MUSIC // FOR SINGING

- 🎵 **The Summons** [Key of F]
Text: John L. Bell and Graham A. Maule, ©1987 WGRG, Iona Community
Music: Scottish melody, arr. John L. Bell, ©1987 WGRG, Iona Community

- 🎵 **Sing a New Church** [Key of D]
Words and Music: Delores Dufner, OSB
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- 🎵 **My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone** [Key of D]
Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Aaron Keyes
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CREATING DRAMA // FOR HEARING

Gain a new perspective for Psalm 62:1-8 by using Eugene Peterson's translation from *The Message*. The more personal language might help worshippers connect to David's prayer in a different way, giving depth to the passage.

*"My help and glory are in God—
granite-strength and safe-harbor-God—
So trust him absolutely, people;
lay your lives on the line for him.
God is a safe place to be."*

-Psalm 62:7-8, The Message

FINDING ART // FOR SEEING

During the prayers of the people use visual aids, a further realization of the prayer. You might use a work of art, a photo, or an artistic impression of the situation prayed for.

"We prayer for the land, the sea, the sky - for your whole creation..."

LIVING WORSHIP // FOR DOING

Challenge your worshippers to find several opportunities daily to change the way they act as the body of Christ in the world. What areas of their life can they challenge themselves to give over to God that God might use them for his purpose?

MAKING SPACE // FOR WORSHIPING

As the service wraps up, the series and worshippers prepare to enter back into their daily lives. Have the worship service in an outdoor space.

WRITING POETRY// FOR PRAYING

Consider using the following benediction from the Iona Community:

*One: The cross,
All: We shall take it.*

*One: The bread,
All: We shall break it.*

*One: The pain,
All: We shall bear it.*

*One: The joy,
All: We shall share it.*

*One: The Gospel,
All: We shall live it.*

*One: The love,
All: We shall give it.*

*One: The light,
All: We shall cherish it.*

*One: The journey,
All: God shall guide it. Amen.*

SAMPLE WORSHIP SERVICE

Morning Prayer // Psalm 61:1-8; John 12:1-8 // Carrying the Gospel into the World

GATHERING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Satisfy us in the morning with
your steadfast love, O God

ALL: **that we may rejoice and be glad
all our days.**

from Psalm 90:14

LIFTING OUR VOICES

In the Lord, I'll be Ever Thankful

Words and Music: Taizé Community

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

[Please join me in prayer.]

All: **Mighty God of mercy, we thank
you for the resurrection dawn,
bringing the glory of our risen
Lord who makes every day new.**

One: Especially we thank you for:
— the sustaining goodness of
your creation (*10 second silence*)
— the new creation in Christ and
all gifts of healing and forgiveness
(*10 second silence*)
— the gifts of relationships with
others (*10 second silence*)
— the communion of faith in
your church (*10 second silence*)

All: **Almighty and everlasting God,
you have brought us in safety to
this new day. Preserve us with
your mighty power, that we
may not fall into sin nor be
overcome in adversity. In all we
do, direct us to the fulfilling of
your purpose; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

How Great is Our God

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash

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Made Songs*

How Great Thou Art

Words and Music: Stuart K. Hine

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MORNING PSALM

Psalm 62:1-8

SONG OF RESTORATION

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Aaron Keyes

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VISUAL MEDITATION

“Anointing Jesus Feet” // Unknown

HEARING GOD'S WORD

John 12:1-8

*[Introduce by saying “Listen for
the Word of God.” Read the
passage two times. The first time,
the passage is read at a normal
pace. The second time, the passage
is read much slower. Pause
between the two readings.]*

LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE

10 minutes of silence is observed

SPOKEN MEDITATION

Minister

LIFTING OUR VOICES

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Words and Music: John Bell

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[I will offer prayers on our behalf. At the conclusion of each set of prayers, I will say, "Lord in your mercy." Please respond: "Hear our prayer."]

One: Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service. Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence, that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness. We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion and for all refugees. Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for all in need because of famine, flood, or earthquake, that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others. Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the land, the sea, the sky— for your whole creation, which longs for its redemption. We pray that we may live with respect for your creation and use your gifts with reverence. Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone,

may receive strength and courage. Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

One: God of compassion, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever. And now, we

pray as you taught, saying:
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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CALL TO SERVICE

Sing a New Church

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BENEDICTION

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All: **We shall share it.**

One: The Gospel,
All: **We shall live it.**

One: The love,
All: **We shall give it.**

One: The light,
All: **We shall cherish it.**

One: The darkness,
All: **We shall perish it. Amen.**

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SUNG BENEDICTION

The Summons

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