

JESUS

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LITURGY & PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

How Awesome Are Your Deeds

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name." *Selah*

FROM: PSALM 66:1-4 (ESV)

AN OPENING PRAYER

God our Provider, as we sit our homes today but worshipping together

Needing you in different ways.

Some of us need strength, because we facing a big challenge.

Some of us need hope, because feel like giving up.

Some of us need love because we are feeling alone.

We trust that you will provide for us, whether through words or music, or in a quiet moment of reflection.

You are here, you are with us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1

Then Job spoke again:

“Yes, I know all this is true in principle.

But how can a person be declared innocent in God’s sight?

If someone wanted to take God to court,

would it be possible to answer him even once in a thousand times?

For God is so wise and so mighty.

Who has ever challenged him successfully?

“Without warning, he moves the mountains,

overturning them in his anger.

He shakes the earth from its place,

and its foundations tremble.

If he commands it, the sun won’t rise

and the stars won’t shine.

He alone has spread out the heavens

and marches on the waves of the sea.

He made all the stars—the Bear and Orion,

the Pleiades and the constellations of the southern sky.

He does great things too marvelous to understand.

He performs countless miracles.

JOB 9:1-10 (NLT)

A POEM

It took a miracle from above
To create the world we see,
And it took a miracle of love
When Christ died on Calvary.
It took a miracle of God’s power
To raise Jesus from the grave,
And it takes a miracle this hour...
For a lost soul to be saved...
Thank God for Miracles.

Yes, it takes a miracle of grace
To redeem a sinful soul,
And a wondrous miracle takes place
When God warms a heart grown cold.
Our Lord is good at miracles, friend,
His love and mercy are great,
His arm is stretched out to heal and mend...
And lift to a holy state...
Thank God for Miracles.

When we humbly serve our Lord each day,
And walk on the righteous path,
We see miracles along the way...
Souls saved from judgment and wrath.
Nothing is too hard for our great God
Who gives life forevermore...
Receive Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
And you'll enter heaven's door...
Thank God for Miracles.

“Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth
by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.”
(Jeremiah 32:17)

BY: CONNIE CAMPBELL BRATCHER (INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE IN POETRY)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art 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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, it is often the difficult days and the difficult choices that cloud our hopes and dreams and imagination. We are only too fully aware that life is a mixture of smooth sailing and periodic crises, of crossroads that become barriers to confidence and courage.

So, gracious God, renew our capacity for hope and imagination. Teach us that even on the journey, good things take time. Heal our momentary despair so we know when the light is breaking through. Help us to hold in memory those persons who relentlessly trusted and hoped in dreary and threatening times and circumstances, who didn't close the door on your enduring promises, but who knew that part of the meaning of redemption is that nothing, nothing, is lost, that wounds and joys are both material for growth in Christ.

May that hope not disappoint us. May we be willing to face the cloudy or far-off scene, taking on step at a time. May we have the ability to dream and to hope and to believe in your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

BY: ART NELSON

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forever. Amen.

God loves you, and so do I!

SCRIPTURE READING 2

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

JOHN 6:1-24 (NIV)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is something you noticed for the first time?

What questions did you have?

Was there anything that bothered you?

What did you learn about loving God?

What did you learn about loving others?

What are the gifts you have brought to God?

What are the gifts you could bring to God?

What are the things you have been too afraid or embarrassed to present to God because you thought they were insufficient?

How have you seen God work through humble things to make a big difference? In your life? In the world around you?