

JESUS

FAMILY

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# EMMANUEL COVENANT CHURCH AT HOME

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## LITURGY & PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

*His faithful love endures forever.*

Give thanks to the God of gods.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

Give thanks to him who made the heavens so skillfully.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

Give thanks to him who placed the earth among the waters.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

Give thanks to him who made the heavenly lights—

*His faithful love endures forever.*

the sun to rule the day,

*His faithful love endures forever.*

and the moon and stars to rule the night.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

He remembered us in our weakness.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

He saved us from our enemies.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

He gives food to every living thing.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

Give thanks to the God of heaven.

*His faithful love endures forever.*

FROM: PSALM 136

## AN OPENING PRAYER

God,  
Companion of the lonely,  
Binder of wounds,  
Seeker of lost souls,  
Friend of the poor,  
Source of all that is,  
Forgiver of sins,  
Voice of the voiceless,  
Counsellor of the confused,  
Shelter from the storm,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
we in our ways worship and adore you.  
Amen.

FROM: THE COVENANT HYMNAL #898

## SCRIPTURE READING 1

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward.

They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power

of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.

1 PETER 1:3-12 (NLT)

### 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life: let us feast on you and find nourishment for our souls. You are the light of the world: let us follow you out of the darkness. You are the door: let us enter the Father's presence in your name. You are the good shepherd: let us rest in your provision. You are the resurrection and the life: let us find true life and victory in you. You are the way, the truth and the life: let us love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We pray this in your name, Amen.

### 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

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because

of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Then Jesus replied, “Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!” (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

**JOHN 6:25-71 (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 causes you to look for Jesus?

What do you do with the promise that Jesus is the bred of life? What does that mean for you, today?

What is Jesus asking you to do with that promise today? Where (to whom) is he sending you with that promise?