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At-Home Worship Guide

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This week's worship (4 songs) and sermon will be live on YouTube at 11am. Visit the front page of www.bellevuechristian.church for the link. Thanks to our friends at Renaissance Church for providing a template we could use for our at-home worship quide.

Call to Worship

We will begin our service with songs of worship to our God. We can rest in the promise that God is faithful to his people from generation to generation. Psalm 89:1 says, "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations." Please join our worship team for these songs of worship. (If you are having trouble with your internet connection, feel free to sing these songs a capella or by searching them on YouTube.)

Sing: Great Are You Lord

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Verse

You give life You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry these bones will sing Great are You Lord

Sing: King of Kings

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Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Sing: No Longer Slaves

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Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

Bridge 1

I am surrounded
By the arms of the father
I am surrounded
By songs of deliverance
We've been liberated
From our bondage
Were the sons and the daughters
Let us sing our freedom

Bridge 2

You split the sea so I could walk right through it My fears were drowned in perfect love You rescued me so I could stand and sing I am a child of God

Sing: Build My Life

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Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name Jesus the only one who could ever save Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You We live for You Chorus
Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Moments of Hospitality: Say Hello!

During this time we encourage you to send a text or message to someone you normally see on Sunday morning. Let them know you are thinking of them. If there is someone you would like to contact but don't have their information, email Alicia after the service to request contact information from that person (alicia@bellevuechristian.church). If you are gathering with your family, friends, or a few people from your Discipleship Community, please greet one another while keeping the CDC recommendations in mind.

Or, you can take a second to say something in the group chat if you're watching the service live.

Scripture Text & Sermon

This week's worship and sermon will be live on YouTube at 11am. Visit the front page of www.bellevuechristian.church for the link. Shortly after the sermon, the audio will be available on our website at www.bellevuechristian.church/sermons and the Bellevue Christian Church podcast.

Scripture Text | Esther 9:1-19

¹ On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, the edict commanded by the king was to be carried out. On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them. ² The Jews assembled in their cities in all the provinces of King Xerxes to attack those determined to destroy them. No one could stand against them, because the people of all the other nationalities were afraid of them. ³ And all the nobles of the provinces, the satraps, the governors and the king's administrators helped the Jews, because fear of Mordecai had seized them. ⁴ Mordecai was prominent in the palace; his reputation spread throughout the provinces, and he became more and more powerful.

⁵ The Jews struck down all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and they did what they pleased to those who hated them. ⁶ In the citadel of Susa, the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. ⁷ They also killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, ⁸ Poratha,

Adalia, Aridatha, ⁹ Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai and Vaizatha, ¹⁰ the ten sons of Haman son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. But they did not lay their hands on the plunder.

- ¹³ "If it pleases the king," Esther answered, "give the Jews in Susa permission to carry out this day's edict tomorrow also, and let Haman's ten sons be impaled on poles."
- ¹⁴ So the king commanded that this be done. An edict was issued in Susa, and they impaled the ten sons of Haman. ¹⁵ The Jews in Susa came together on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar, and they put to death in Susa three hundred men, but they did not lay their hands on the plunder.
- ¹⁶ Meanwhile, the remainder of the Jews who were in the king's provinces also assembled to protect themselves and get relief from their enemies. They killed seventy-five thousand of them but did not lay their hands on the plunder. ¹⁷ This happened on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, and on the fourteenth they rested and made it a day of feasting and joy.
- ¹⁸ The Jews in Susa, however, had assembled on the thirteenth and fourteenth, and then on the fifteenth they rested and made it a day of feasting and joy.
- ¹⁹ That is why rural Jews—those living in villages—observe the fourteenth of the month of Adar as a day of joy and feasting, a day for giving presents to each other.

Communion

We encourage you to take a few minutes to partake in the communion at your home—if you have bread and juice/wine available. You can use the following words.

In 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Paul writes,

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayer

¹¹ The number of those killed in the citadel of Susa was reported to the king that same day. ¹² The king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men and the ten sons of Haman in the citadel of Susa. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? It will also be granted."

Paul writes, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people" (1 Timothy 2:1). We encourage you to take a few minutes to thank God for what he's doing in your life and to pray for your own needs or the needs of others, especially:

- For our healthcare workers
- For our government authorities
- For those who are sick
- For our local business owners
- For those who are struggling with anxiety, depression, or loneliness
- For those who are struggling to make ends meet

If you would like someone to pray with you or have a prayer request added to the prayer chain, send an email to prayer@bellevuechristian.church or fill out a short form at www.bellevuechristian.church/prayer.

Giving

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul as he writes to the church in Corinth:

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." (2 Corinthians 9:5-9)

While we aren't gathering on Sunday, our church is still operating per usual (rent, staffing, supporting missionaries, benevolence, etc.), we humbly encourage you to still give online or by mail.

- To give online, visit <u>www.bellevuechristian.church/give</u>.
- If sending a check, send it to 680 Lincoln Ave, Bellevue, PA 15202.

Commission

We're a church where ordinary people are learning to live everyday life like Jesus, and we're called to lead others into the same.

Hear these words from Jesus as we close:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and

teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Feel free to use the discussion guide online at www.bellevuechristian.church/sermons this week to go deeper into the sermon text.