

## **Prelude**

### **Lighting the Candles**

Jesus says, "You are the Light of the World."

**Jesus shined Kingdom of Heaven Light on the Leper, the Centurion, and Peter's mother-in-law.**

**This Light makes straight the way of the Lord.**

The Light of Love casts out the darkness of fear. **Father, let the Light of Love be in me!**

The Light of Mercy comforts and heals the human soul. **Jesus, let the Light of Mercy be in me!**

The Light of Grace makes peace with God, neighbor, and self. **Holy Spirit, let the Light of Grace be in me.**

### **Welcome**

Jesus showed Peter's mother-in-law that our Father's love overflows with mercy. Mercy transforms the curse of sin and death into a blessing. Through his touch, she experienced Grace. Grace is God bearing the very infirmities and diseases we thought separated us from God.

Peter's mother-in-law rose to serve the Lord. Ministry serves mercy and grace. By these we experience God's love.

To worship God in spirit with truth, we serve the Lord by offering one another mercy, grace, and love.

Everything else is shadows or works righteousness.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, you assure us that You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Through Jesus' mercy and grace, we experience your Love yesterday, we welcome You today, and hope for tomorrow.

Beneath the surface of our 21st century technology, science, politics, and religions; we experience the 1st century world where Jesus suffered, died, and rose again.

Lord of yesterday, we seek you today. Give us eyes to see the 21st Century through Christ's 1st Century eyes. Lord, have mercy!

Give us ears to hear 21 Century cries through Jesus' 1st Century ears. Lord, have mercy! Amen

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Father, thank you for sending Jesus to touch the untouchable.

Lord Jesus, thank you for bearing our infirmities and diseases.

Holy Spirit, thank you for leading us not into temptation but delivering us into our Father's Presence.

Father of Love, touch us.

Lord of Mercy, bear with us.

Holy Spirit, deliver us from our temptation to curse those who curse us.

Now Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Bless us to bless those who curse us. Amen.

### **Special Music**

Take time to listen to your favorite hymn or song. Notice how music changes your focus. Music gets me out of my head. Music transports me into my heart. I see an order in the Great Commandment. Love God with heart, soul, and mind.

The heart hungers and thirsts for comfort.

The soul hungers and thirsts for God.

The mind hungers and thirsts for facts.

Most of us eat three meals a day to sustain our body. Try feeding your heart before breakfast. It will prepare you to feed your soul after lunch. After a long day of work, take time to let your mind feed on your heart and soul. Soon you will experience the difference between being "right and good" and "hungering and thirsting for righteousness." (See Matthew 5: 6)

### **Reading of Scripture: Matthew 8: 14-17**

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus came to Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. <sup>15</sup> He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all

the sick. <sup>17</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“He took up our infirmities  
and bore our diseases.”

**Sermon: Rise and Serve the Lord**

**Benediction**

Lord, bless me that I may rise to serve as Jesus served.  
Give me eyes to see that Mercy makes straight the way for people to kneel at Jesus' feet.  
Give me a hunger and thirst Your righteousness experienced in Grace alone.  
Give me a clean heart to see You and die to sin, selfishness, and this world. Amen

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