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# WORSHIP AT HOME

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## Call to Worship:

God **sent** His Son, they called him **Jesus**;



He came to **love**, **heal** and **forgive**; He lived and died to buy by pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior Lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living because he lives.

## Welcome

In the name of Christ let us experience the name of Jesus who came to love,

**Receiving is an experience of forming a relationship.**

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heal, and forgive. This morning we shall Focus.

Focus: Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit lead us to salvation? How may we recognize the Holy Spirit from all other spiritual forces?

This morning we shall seek to experience the beginning and end of John.

Subject: In John 20:21 Jesus breathes on the Disciples and says "receive" the Holy Spirit. Jesus says, As the Father sent me so I send you. Today's text reveals the threefold purpose for which God sent Jesus. First, that Jesus be received. Second, that upon receiving Jesus we believe in his name. Third, that receiving and believing give believers power to become the Children of God.

### Prayer

Father, you see my greatest temptation is to keep and take. Thank you for inviting me to receive your Holy Spirit who leads me not into temptation but to deliver me from such evil. Thank you for daily bread that opens my eyes to Farmers, Millers, Smiths, and Bakers. Without these neighbors my physical body would suffer. Thank you for daily Spiritual Bread. Father, I am blessed in receiving Jesus.

I am healed by each experience of believing in the power of His name. Thank you for the Peace of Christ, who is and was and shall always be Your sanctuary of Grace, and for the Holy Spirit who leads us in Worship that transforms neighbors in sisters and brothers whom you called to be children of God. Amen.

**The name Jesus means "The Lord is Salvation."**



**Receive Jesus. Believe in the Power of His name. Be a child of God.**

## Prayer Request

### Cancer

Howard Doyle - Prostate cancer...doing radiation (Tracy Kress)

Nancy Reese - (N.Allman)

Pelagie Lane - sm intestine cancer

Bob Runnels - New tests this Wed. Brain and Lung cancer (M Spurlock)

\*Doug Duff - Doug is Cancer FREE!!! I will remove him next week. (C.Higgins)

Zac Carter- Osteosarcoma, 5th time to battle this, check my Facebook. (M Spurlock)

Brent Warner - Home with Hospice.Young man and familyPancreatic cancerÂ (B Hagan)

\*Catherine Akers - Starts 25 radiation tx on thursday. (M Spurlock)

\*Roy Rogers - Feeling better...finished tx a month ago, has scans in July.

### ***Hospital / Recovering from Surgery***

Dr. Michael Ford - Covid19 being readmitted to hospital

\*Lee Phillips - ICU Holston Valley.intestinal tumors, now spread to bones & liver

Benjamin Jennings - In the Navy, just diagnosed/ Covid19 (Robert)

Patrick Dalton - Covid 19- ICU Ventilator in Nashville...still critical see update on my Facebook page...

### ***Specific Prayers***

Joey Oâ€™Quinn - brain tumor- non malignant...pray for a diagnosis...still having issues

\*Geneva Allen - Seems to have given up, this is Sandra Rich's mother

\*Sue Liddle Vaughn - Depression and not feeling well...Beth H. mother

Donny Jenkins - borderline diabetic

Johnny Quillen - Dementia (D. Shupe)

\*Jerry Palmer - lung issue, very sick, trying new medicine (Nancy Allman)

Patsy & Maurice Lay - Aging and Alzheimers

Patty Cooper - Vein and heart issues

Steve Cooper - Vision

Shawna Cooper - Stomach, digestive

Dusty Cooper - Cystic Fibrosis

Donny Neeley - Adrenal Gland deficiency (C. Ashley)

## Prayer of Praise

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise Him, all creatures, here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## Psalter: Psalm 30: 1-3 (Mediation as Prayer)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**Meditation: Name your foes! Examples: Temptation, legalism, moralism, relativism, insisting on my way, greed, gossip...**

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.

**Mediation: Take time to name the answers to prayer you received last week.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life among those gone down to the pit.

**Mediation: Give thanks for experiences of discovering God's Peace, Mercy, and Grace abiding with you in the valleys of loneliness, depression, sickness...**

## The Apostle's Creed

# *I believe in God,*

THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,  
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD,  
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,  
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,  
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED;  
HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD.  
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN;  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,  
IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER,  
AND WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS,  
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,

## *and the life everlasting.*

AMEN.

## The Word of God: John. 1:12-13

But to all who receive Him, who believe in His name, he gave power to become children to God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but God.

The Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Message

#### **Receiving Jesus is not the same as Knowledge of Jesus.**

Webster says to “receive” means to experience.

Father Anthony De Mello tells a story that illustrates the distinction between an experience of receiving and an experience of taking. Like most children, little Johnny busied himself exploring the world. One day Johnny and his mother were exploring the park. Johnny got all excited. With one hand he tugged at his mother’s arm. With his other hand he pointed at a nearby bush. He exclaimed, “Mom, what is that.” She said, That is a bird. But not just any bird, it is a Robin. Johnny stood and admired the bird repeating what he learned. “That is a bird, but not just any bird, it is a Robin.” O Johnny you should be very proud, mom said. You are learning so many things!

One day Johnny was playing in his backyard. He saw a Robin sitting in a bush. He picked up a rock and threw it with all his might. The rock struck the Robin. The Bird fell to the ground and died. That day Johnny learned the power of taking.

The moral of the story. Receiving Life is not the same as Knowledge about Life. Little Johnny soon became bored with the Robin. We quickly learn that knowledge is for keeping. Once little Johnny learned to keep knowledge he had little use for experience. Once knowledge trumps experience it does not take long to justify keeping and taking.

The Ten Commandments, like all of the 613 ordinances in the Law of Moses, are for keeping. Jesus is for receiving! Now you see the way Jesus fulfills the Law and the prophets.

#### **Believing in Jesus’ Name is the experience of Receiving Him.**

There was a time, not long ago, that names revealed a person’s power and authority. Smiths were authorities about metal. Smith’s had the power to turn metal into guns, farm tools, nails, hinges.... Farmers were authorities on feeding the community. Farmers where known for the Power of raising crops in a harsh and often hostile environment. Millers were authorities on turning grain into flour and meal. Now the Smiths, Farmers, and Millers were

interdependent. Neither could survive without the other. Soon there were Bakers and Cobblers and...

Knowledge of a Smith, Farmer, or Miller is not the same as an experience of receiving their power and authority.

The name Jesus means "The Lord is Salvation." Jesus is the author and authority of salvation. Let us return to John 20 and explore the power of Jesus' name.

1. Fear receives Jesus' Peace. See John 20:19. What His is Peace. Religion like that of the "Jews" teaches keeping. Religions teaches the keeping of Law, rules, and ordinances. When the Law cannot be kept religion justifies taking and sacrifices. Remember how little Johnny sacrificed the Robin. As Paul says in various places, without the Law he would not know sin! So, you know sin! Do you receive Jesus and believe in the power of His Name? Knowledge is not the same as Receiving!
2. Sin receives Mercy. See John 20: 23. For what purpose did God give His Son to the world? Did God send Jesus to forgive sin or retain sin? See John 19: 30. What is "Finished." How about fear of God, SIN? How about fear of eternal death, damnation/hell?
3. Religion receives Grace. See John 17: 25-26. Grace is an experience of being One with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Look again at John 19:30. Jesus gives up His Spirit. Why? The answer is in John 20:22. Jesus gives us His Spirit but of course the Holy Spirit is for receiving, not taking or keeping.
4. Neighbors receive Love. See John 13:33-35

### **The Power to Become Children of God.**

Jesus says, "Peace be with you." Will you receive Him?

Jesus says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Will you receive Jesus and experience the power of His name! His name means, The Lord is Salvation.

Jesus says, "As the Father sent me so I send you." Those who receive His Mercy, Grace and Love have a Witness to share, not take or keep!

Jesus says, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." The experience of salvation heals fear of God, fear of sin, fear of death and fear of neighbor.

Knowledge is for keeping. Jesus is for receiving. One teaches us survival skills. The other is the Way to Truth that celebrates Life, eternally. Amen

## **Benediction: Psalm 30**

To you, Lord, I called;

to the Lord I cried for **mercy**:

**9**

“What is gained if I am silenced,  
if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

**10**

Hear, Lord, and be **merciful** to me;

Lord, be my help.”

**11**

You turned my wailing into dancing;

you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**12**

that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.

Lord my God, I will praise you forever.