

## Worship Midweek

### CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us,  
**O Lord, make haste to help us**

**This is the day the Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We come together to worship-  
the God of creation, of salvation,  
of time and eternity.

The God of all peoples, of all nations,  
of all conditions of people everywhere.

**Praise the Lord.**

**All that is within me,  
praise God's holy name.**

Praise the Lord and remember all his kindness:

in forgiving our sins;

in saving us from destruction;

in surrounding us with love.

**The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.**

**The Lord is slow to anger  
and willing to give us gifts of love.**

**Praise the Lord!**

**Oh, praise the Lord, all that is within me.**

*Roy Umble, Goshen, Ind. Based on Psalms 118.24; 103*

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God,

by whose providence your servant

John the Baptist was wonderfully born

and sent to prepare the way of your Son

our Saviour by the preaching of repentance

lead us to repent according to his preaching

and, after his example,

constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice

and patiently to suffer for truth's sake

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### THE WORD OF GOD

*PSALM 121*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills  
from where is my help to come?
2. **My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**
3. He will not suffer your foot to stumble;  
he who watches over you will not sleep.
4. **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**
5. The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
6. **So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
neither the moon by night.**
7. The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
It is he who shall keep your soul.
8. The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*A SHORT ADDRESS AND / OR A DEVOTIONAL READING*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet,  
A light upon our paths,  
And a strength to our lives.  
Take us and use us  
to love and serve all people  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*THESE OR OTHERS MAY BE SAID*

O God, our salvation, you are always near,  
**Mercifully, hear our prayer.**  
You comfort those who are troubled;  
**be our strength in hours of weakness.**  
You stand by those in need  
**Feed the hungry with good things**  
You bring freedom to the imprisoned

**Rescue those who are wrongfully condemned.**

You welcome those we fail to see

**Protect those who are in danger**

You bring healing to the broken hearted

**And bind the wounds of the hurt**

You are a God of justice

**Establish a world of equality and understanding**

Praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Bless us with your love and strength.**

**Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed by thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy 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 who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**The power and the glory**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

A PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen**

THE BLESSING

May the Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen**

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