

This liturgy is designed for use in your homes, your gardens or anywhere else you may find yourselves. What follows is a framework that you can alter if the desire arises, and which contains a few additional elements you can opt to partake of.

The framework here is just that; it is not an entry into worship in and of itself. Therefore, I suggest you ready yourselves by finding somewhere as comfortable, spacious, and beautiful as possible, and still yourselves before you begin. You may like to light a candle to be a focus as you worship, and to remind you that you gather in the presence of Christ.

All of this is always optional, but there are a couple of new elements to engage with if you'd like. If you wish to, grab a candle, a flower if possible, some water and something to pour it into, a bit of bread, and a bible.

If you are worshipping with a small group, you might like to elect one person to lead, or take turns leading through the different sections. I suggest you at least take turns praying out loud and divide up the scripture reading among you. Be prepared to pray extemporaneously (that is prayer that is not pre-written or prepared) at times, and to bring the person that you are into this time of worship. Text in bold can be used as a guide to when other voices might be added to a prayer, but this is not prescriptive. Discern as you see fit.

And remember, you are none of you alone.

A service of Worship

Call to worship

'Don't look into the sun!' we are told,
for the light will hurt our eyes.
'Don't look at my face!' God tells Moses,
for you will be overwhelmed.
Look at where he has been,
look at what he has done,
and bow down in worship,
for the awesome God of Abraham,
Isaac and Moses is present this day
in this place.

Being in God's Presence

If you'd like to, place the objects mentioned in the intro (a bible, some water, a flower, a bit of bread, a candle) in a central place. Settle yourselves and pray.

On the mountaintop
after the wind
after the fire
after the silence
you, O God

(Open the Bible)

By the red sea
enemy behind and ocean before
and the parting of the sea
you, O God

(Pour some water)

In the garden just at dawn
with the gardener and tears
you, O God

(Place a flower)

At the table
where crumbs fell
but even the dogs feasted
you, O God

(Break bread)

In this moment gathered here
each of us waiting for glory revealed
you, O God

(light a candle)

We sing: Holy Holy Holy

See video- an arrangement by Hillsong that might be slightly unfamiliar, but which I think you'll get the hang of.

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise
Thy name In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

BRIDGE:

Holy we cry holy

Holy we cry holy

Prayer of thanksgiving

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,
for you love justice and strengthen the upright,
and you have shown us your goodness.

You are the living and true God who created all things
and whose voice sets the earth shaking.
You rescued a people from slavery
and promised your presence to go with them.
To Moses you revealed your glory
and through your prophets you made known your justice.

In your child, Jesus, you have come to us in person,
teaching us your ways in sincerity and truth.
In him we have learned to give to you all that is yours —
the work of faith, the labour of love, and a steadfast hope.
Though his enemies put him to death,
you raised him from the dead
and through the power of his gospel in the Holy Spirit
you have given us mercy and rest.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high,
we offer you thanks and praise at all times
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

OR watch the video: the Tree of Life - Lacrimosa

As you watch, try to simply sit with the idea of God's vastness, God's holiness, God's presence. You may grow uncomfortable but just try to allow yourself this time to listen, be moved, be still.

A prayer of confession

Gracious and merciful God,
we are sorry that we so often don't live up to Your expectations.

We are sorry that our promise to follow Your example and to share Your never-ending love are too often promises made in vain.
So, forgive us, Lord.

We are ashamed that we fail You so often. We are ashamed that we do not always follow in Your footsteps.

We ask You to guide us and set us on the right path.

When we are weak, make us strong.

When we are discouraged, encourage us.

When we take for granted all You have given us and do not share what we have with those who live in poverty, forgive us, Lord.

Remind us that everything we have comes from You and everything we do is done for the work and the glory of Your kingdom

Amen

Early word

Get some pencils and pens, and see video [What is Glory?](#)

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the

rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Reflection

See video link [Show Me Your Glory](#)

We sing: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Immortal invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious the ancient of days
Almighty victorious thy great name we praise

Unresting unhasting and silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life thou givest, to both great and small
In all life thou livest, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changes thee

Great father of glory, pure father of light
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
All laud we would render O help us to see
‘tis only the splendour of light hideth thee

Prayers of the people

We bring to You now our prayers for others and for ourselves.

Lord we ask that You bless and guide Your church here in this part of Australia and throughout the world, helping us to reach out to others, sharing with them the good news of Christ and standing with those who are most in need of our help, love and support.

Guide us in our relationships with others, within our families, with friends, neighbours and those who we struggle to love or try to avoid.

Fill our homes and communities with the warmth of Your love, may we learn to love and accept all.

Pour out Your Spirit into the world, bless those struggling with poverty and homelessness, evil and war.

Help us to reach out to those who are in need.

Bless those who are ill at home or in hospital, those who are feeling anxious or low, feeling like they would rather just give up than live on.

May they know Your love and sense Your presence with them and may we as a church reach out to them in their time of need.

Bless the leaders of nations and people.

Guide them in the decisions that they make, ensuring they work hard and fight for the people they represent. Lord, may we always sense Your presence in our lives and in the lives of others.

Transform us to be the people that You would have us be.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour

Amen

We are sent

Go now as those who have found favour in the sight of God.

Be imitators of Jesus Christ

and an example to all of the life of faith.

To the world in which you live, give your love and service,
and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be.

And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;

And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.