



2nd August 2020 Trinity 8 (Pentecost 9)

A series of elements to make an act of worship for us.

If you don't like words, let the pictures lift your heart soul and mind to give glory to God; or choose traditional or modern or very contemporary videos lift your heart soul and mind to give glory to God.

If you like words, but there are too many, choose! Choose some that will lift your heart soul and mind to give glory to God.

It could last all week. You might do one reading and set of songs a day.....

For songs, where possible, I've suggested:

- a traditional hymn,
 - a more modern song,
 - and a very contemporary alternative:
- you choose what you use, but whatever you choose, use it to lift your heart soul and mind to give glory to God.***

That's what worship is, and what worship is for: expressing God's worth to us.

You can also find your own choice in the internet!

In Old Testament times, they needed a human priest to mediate, then a stone temple to worship in. Jesus came as the great High Priest to extend His ministry to all who are persuaded that He is the one to follow.

- He taught his followers to do the things He did (proclaim the Kingdom, heal the sick)
- He promised His own Spirit to empower this mission

- We who have Christ in us are **all** priests / ministers, (Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Peter 2:4-9, and Revelation 5:10)
- and we Christians **all** have God living in our lives, by His Holy Spirit.

Christians need no mediator, and we together are the temple!

Opening scripture:

"If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of his Spirit in you. " (Romans 8:11)

Pray, thanking the Father for Jesus' risen presence with you, asking for His Spirit so you can worship the Father in Spirit and truth (John 4.23).

Risen Lord Jesus Christ

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, may the light of your risen presence set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen.

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfXldoDnvq4>

I Exalt Thee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hMb8g8cOgE>

Collect (Special prayer)

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both
our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your
commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here
and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
or
Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

We Praise Thee O God (Te Deum)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbaz9T-RW-M>

The Word of God

St Paul says; 'The kingdom of God is not a matter of
talk but of power.'

(1st Corinthians 4.20)

**Through our lives and by our prayers
may your kingdom come.**

Psalm 145 is a great song of praise to God:

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-end (GNT)

A Hymn of Praise

145 I will proclaim your greatness, my God and
king; I will thank you forever and ever.
2 Every day I will thank you;
I will praise you forever and ever.
3 The Lord is great and is to be highly praised;
his greatness is beyond understanding.
4 What you have done will be praised from one
generation to the next;
they will proclaim your mighty acts.
5 They will speak of your glory and majesty,
and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.
6 People will speak of your mighty deeds,
and I will proclaim your greatness.
7 They will tell about all your goodness
and sing about your kindness.
8 The Lord is loving and merciful,
slow to become angry and full of constant love.
9 He is good to everyone
and has compassion on all he made.
10 All your creatures, Lord, will praise you,
and all your people will give you thanks.
11 They will speak of the glory of your royal power
and tell of your might,
12 so that everyone will know your mighty deeds
and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.
13 Your rule is eternal,



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**Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom. One
generation will commend your works to
another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

- Psalm 145:3-4 -

and you are king forever.

The Lord is faithful to his promises;
he is merciful in all his acts.

14 He helps those who are in trouble;
he lifts those who have fallen.

15 All living things look hopefully to you,
and you give them food when they need it.

16 You give them enough
and satisfy the needs of all.

17 The Lord is righteous in all he does,
merciful in all his acts.

18 He is near to those who call to him,
who call to him with sincerity.

19 He supplies the needs of those who honor him;
he hears their cries and saves them.

20 He protects everyone who loves him,
but he will destroy the wicked.

21 I will always praise the Lord;
let all his creatures praise his holy name forever.

Psalm 145 spoken by David Suchet

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mq_gsvnoUoQ

Anglican Chant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP4hgOyRchU>

God of Glory We exalt Your Name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dI389oZ7rWg>

Psalm 145 (live)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhOUSFgvJnc>

The Book of Isaiah contains some astonishing promises of God, and here are some of them: come to me if you're thirsty or hungry, or penniless, and I will give you life that lasts forever.

Overview: Isaiah 40-66, Bible Project

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TzdEPuqqQg

Isaiah 55.1-5 (GNB)

God's Offer of Mercy

55 The Lord says,
"Come, everyone who is thirsty—
here is water!"

Come, you that have no money—
buy grain and eat!

Come! Buy wine and milk—
it will cost you nothing!

2 Why spend money on what does not satisfy?
Why spend your wages and still be hungry?

Listen to me and do what I say,
and you will enjoy the best food of all.

3 "Listen now, my people, and come to me;
come to me, and you will have life!

I will make a lasting covenant with you
and give you the blessings I promised to David.

4 I made him a leader and commander of nations,
and through him I showed them my power.

5 Now you will summon foreign nations;
at one time they did not know you,
but now they will come running to join you!

I, the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel,
will make all this happen;

I will give you honour and glory."

6 Turn to the Lord and pray to him,
now that he is near.

7 Let the wicked leave their way of life
and change their way of thinking.

Let them turn to the Lord, our God;
he is merciful and quick to forgive.

Seek Ye The Lord All Ye People

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oY9bwy-pEQ>

Come to the Waters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6ZUTTXIGGU>

Ho Everyone That Thirsteth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtiFWdfXFcU>

Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome 9:1-5 (GNB) ***God and His People***

9 I am speaking the truth; I belong to Christ and I do not lie. My conscience, ruled by the Holy Spirit, also assures me that I am not lying 2 when I say how great is my sorrow, how endless the pain in my heart 3 for my people, my own flesh and blood!

For their sake I could wish that I myself were under God's curse and separated from Christ. 4 They are God's people; he made them his children and revealed his glory to them; he made his covenants with them and gave them the Law; they have the true worship; they have received God's promises; 5 they are descended from the famous Hebrew ancestors; and Christ, as a human being, belongs to their race. May God, who rules over all, be praised forever! Amen.



Romans read by David Suchet

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQtcE_0Tleo

Romans 5-16 overview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SVTl4Xa5fY>

Father Lord of All Creation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyguLv5A_b4

Lord Let Your Glory Fall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENQYKMQEe6c>

Jesus taught about the kingdom in parables, but he also demonstrated the Kingdom in extraordinarily acts, making the conditions of the kingdom present, fleetingly, on earth. He continues to do the same, to keep our eyes on Him and His promised future kingdom.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52 14:13-21 (GNB)

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

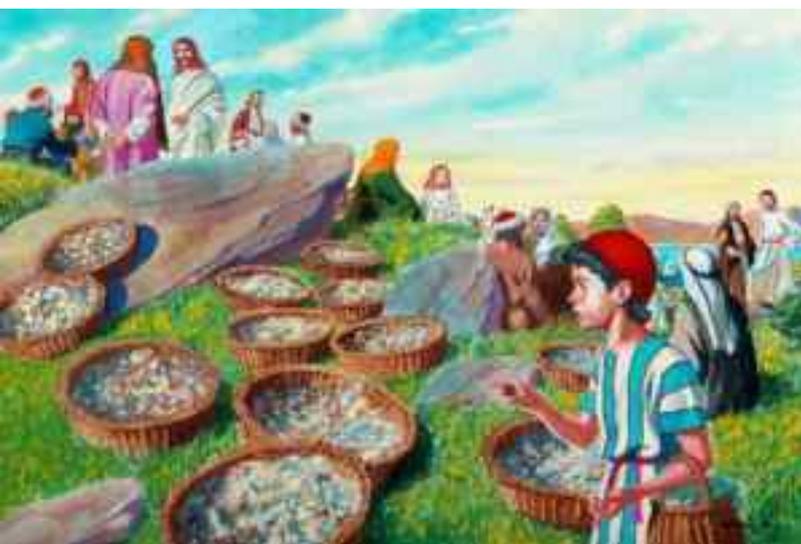
13 When Jesus heard the news about John, he left there in a boat and went to a lonely place by himself. The people heard about it, and so they left their towns and followed him by land. 14 Jesus got out of the boat, and when he saw the large crowd, his heart was filled with pity for them, and he healed their sick.

15 That evening his disciples came to him and said, "It is already very late, and this is a lonely place. Send the people away and let them go to the villages to buy food for themselves."

16 "They don't have to leave," answered Jesus. "You yourselves give them something to eat!"

17 "All we have here are five loaves and two fish," they replied.

18 "Then bring them here to me," Jesus said. 19 He ordered the people to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and gave thanks to God. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 Everyone ate and had enough. Then the disciples took up twelve baskets full of what was left over. 21 The number of men who ate was about five thousand, not counting the women and children.



Thought for the Week

Romans chapter 9 contains within it the source of a great theological debate about the sovereignty of God and human responsibility. For me the best way to approach this is to recognise that we humans cannot comprehend or understand God fully at all, anymore than we can comprehend or understand infinity. Compared to God, we're like clay pots, however clever we think we are. Another way, for those of us who remember school physics, is the paradox that light exists and is measurable as both wave and particle: we call these wave-packages photons, light.

In Jesus, God has shown us sufficient of his mind and will, in human physicality, to make possible a real, person to person relationship.

This person who could feed thousands with a few fishes and breads, walk on water, cure diseases instantly, also walked the earth on two legs, was hungry, thirsty, and got tired. He is like us, and utterly unlike us.

Debate still rages about whether this feeding was a miracle of God or the sharing of everyone's packed lunch. The latter explanation to my mind makes no sense of the story.

It tries to make it according to human sized capability alone, ignoring the divine nature of Jesus, and ignoring the eye-witness evidence presented.

- They who were there saw the people had no food (*not* that they were *all* hiding their packed lunches);
- they asked Jesus to send them to the shops to get something (*not* that they asked Jesus to get them all to open the bags they'd been hiding);
- that one boy had (perhaps having been so fascinated by Jesus' teaching) not eaten his lunch and that what the boy had he surrendered to Jesus (*not* written him out of the story altogether because everyone had done the same);
- that Jesus gave thanks and broke the bread and fish and gave it to the disciples; and that the disciples took the broken bread and fed all 5,000 men (plus probably 5,000 women and x thousand children?) (not that he encouraged everyone to get out their lunch and share it);
- and finally that they had twelve baskets of left-overs (this is ignored in the 'alternative' story.)

Why do people try to explain away God's ability to be God, and to be sometimes extravagantly generous? Why are we so unwilling to be like the young boy, and surrender our understanding to God's sovereignty?

Five Loaves and Two Fishes, Corrinne May

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP6Z_OpZqls



C5/6TH MOSAIC OF FISH AND BREAD UNEARTHED BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN 2019 SUSSITA, GALILEE

[HTTPS://WWW.TIMESOFISRAEL.COM/MOSAIC-NEAR-SEA-OF-GALILEE-MAY-MARK-NEW-SITE-FOR-JESUS-LOAVES-AND-FISHES-MIRACLE/](https://www.timesofisrael.com/mosaic-near-sea-of-galilee-may-mark-new-site-for-jesus-loaves-and-fishes-miracle/)

King of Glory, King of Peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYZQUypubNA>

Let Your Glory Fall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnnHSxW3N0w>

The Faith of the Church

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Nicene Creed, Merbecke

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLHfbGoChy4>

The Creed (Orthodox)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahFYoKfz-R0>

I believe in Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5HbddjrTU>

This I Believe (The Creed)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI_FbWTkg

Prayers of Turning

Jesus says, 'Turn away from your sins, for the kingdom of God is close at hand.' (Mark 1.15)

So let us turn away from our sin, our rebellion against God, our refusal to be persuaded to put Him first in all things, and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Spend a moment in reflection, calling to mind those times or attitudes when you've done things your way rather than God's way, or those long-standing opinions that need addressing in the light of God's Word, and ask for help to do things differently...

**Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Over to you: what do you want to pray for?

- *Thanksgiving? Needs of the world? Needs of the village?*
- *Needs of individuals or families?*
- *Filling to overflow with the Father's gift??*

Why not ask God to get you ready to receive a fresh or even a first outpouring, overflowing of Holy Spirit to know the Father heart of God, and His Son, Jesus Christ...

If you're struggling to find the words, try this...

The Lord's Prayer, spoken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgN0s2xmCuM>

...in Aramaic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROM5EpCQUl>

...in Aramaic, from Georgia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=locW-9S00VU>

The Lord's Prayer, Hillsong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCxqjEz5hJ4>

The Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Asking God's Ongoing Blessing

**Jesus Christ Son of God, perfect in us
the image of Your glory
and gladden our hearts
with the good news of Your Victory over death
and the coming of Your kingdom;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.**

The Blessing (Spanish)

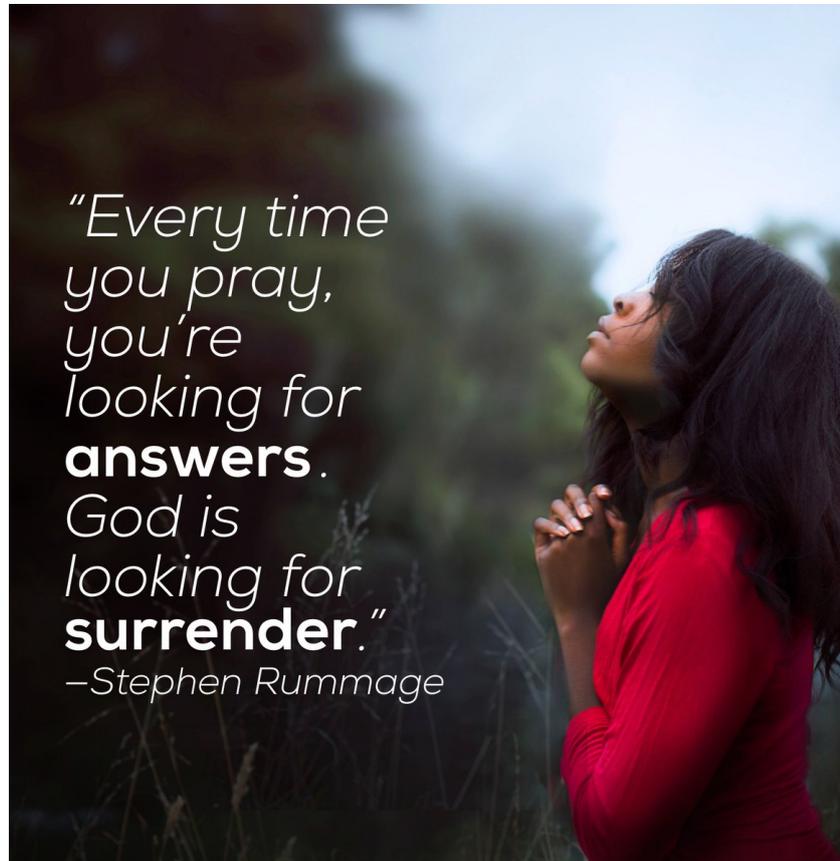
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wa2j0oliwU>

Blessings Laura Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQan9L3yXjc>

Blessing on Blessings (B.O.B. Bounce)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p58HS6h3110>



Final Hymn

"no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 3.11 NLT)

All To Jesus I Surrender

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtuRB4VhN_A

All To Jesus I Surrender, Robin Mark

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SW8EA7DEQ2M>

All To Jesus I Surrender, Gaither Band

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JSXcvlJoqQ>

Found during preparation

Mix of contemporary worship songs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWvAcgzbaBY&list=RDFvg0EBv1ev4>

Peace like a river: let your fire fall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mF6n49nKrXA>

Be Thou My Vision, Corrinne May

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k110IB7glhE>