

Typhoon Sunday: Family Worship Service

Sunday 26th July 2026

Brief:

Due to the possibility of a Typhoon 8 being hoisted on Sunday, we have prepared a family worship service, which you can do at home in the event that our Sunday service is cancelled. Just a reminder if Typhoon Warning 8 or above is hoisted at 7am or determined to be hoisted during the morning, we won't meet together at Viva.

Each week, we try to design a worship service flow that is designed to engage our hearts and point us to Jesus. This service flow includes time in God's Word, but it is more than that, so we ask that you not only listen to study the passage but participate in the entire worship service.

As much as possible, we have tried to design this service so it can either be done by individuals (if you live alone or are the only Christian in your house) or as families/groups. If you are using this outline alone, you can either journal your responses to the discussion questions or contact another friend who is likely to be doing this alone and talk with them about the questions. As we are doing the Psalms on Sundays, the Bible passage and liturgy is primarily taken from different Psalms.

We have provided three service outlines

- The first is for groups of adults or families with youth or older children.
- The second is for adults alone. (with liturgy in the singular)
- The third is for families with younger children. It has a children's song and easier discussion questions.

Distraction-free:

You will need a Bible for the Scripture passages. The songs you can play on a device (though if you are musical, feel free to play them yourself). Although this requires the use of the internet, our goal is that it would be as technology free as possible. Other than the device you're using for the songs, try removing all phones, iPads or computers and put them in a place where they won't be a distraction to you. As much as possible,

adjust the settings on the device you're using for the songs so you won't get notifications popping up on your screen while you're participating in the family worship service.

Outline 1: For groups or families without young children

Call to Worship

Start by listening to God call us to Himself from His Word by reading Psalm 100: (If you have children who can read, ask one of them to read it)

Worship in song:

Play these songs and worship in song.

- Jesus Messiah (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdxSC1tHJn0>)
- Good & Gracious King
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnExXYToQUo>)

Confession & Assurance:

Please read Psalm 15 about the person who can draw near to God. Reflect for a few minutes to what extent your life has resembled this Psalm this past week.

Then respond to God from your heart by using these words of confession:

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves;
we are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will*

*and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.*

Then read the wonderful words of assurance from Psalm 103:8-12.

Scripture Reading:

On Sundays we have been doing a series on the Psalms, as you will have noticed in the service so far. We will look at Psalm 73 together.

Please read Psalm 73.

Discuss:

- What was Asaph's issue that he sings about?
- How does he compare himself with the wicked? What conclusion did he draw? (4-14)
- *Do you ever feel like Asaph? In what situations?*
- *How do you respond when you feel like that? How does Asaph look back on his thoughts back then?*
- What was the turning point for him? Why do you think that changed his perspective? (16-17)
- What does he realize about the wicked? What should he remember?
- How about his own situation and future? Any phrase that strikes you?
- *How does this challenge our expectations of living in this world?*
- *How do we see these truths in Jesus' life, death and resurrection? What difference does that make for us?*
- *How does this help us when we feel like Asaph? What can we do to help each other keep this perspective?*
- *How have you been encouraged today?*

You can listen to a reflection on the psalm below (it starts with reading the Psalm, the reflection starts at 2:30)

https://open.spotify.com/episode/29LY40yeyIYPB5Ob7vuIMC?si=jhfkx_TIQCy7GDnNTTMm6A

Pray together

Spend time in prayer in response to God's Word

- A time of praise and thankfulness
- A time of requests in response to the bible discussion
- A time of general requests – for ourselves, our church, our city and our world.

Finish by saying the Lord's Prayer together.

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Response song

"Be Thou My Vision" (video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lozIRdhd4p4>
or more energetic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXJXqHw7MIE>)

Benediction

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)

Outline 2: For individuals

Call to Worship

Start by listening to God call us to Himself from His Word by reading Psalm 146.

Worship in song:

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Confession & Assurance:

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Then respond to God from your heart by using these words of confession:

Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.

I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbour.

I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You.

In You I have sealed the treasure of all I have.

I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.

I am a sinner; You are upright.

With me, there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness.

Therefore I will remain with You, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen. (Martin Luther)

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Outline 3: For those with younger kids

Call to Worship

Start by listening to God call us to Himself from His Word by reading Psalm 95:1-5 together: (If you have children who can read, ask one of them to read it)

Worship in song:

Listen to or sing along with these two songs

- No One Like the LORD: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sr7Y6j0i3Bg>, children's song that some children's classes learnt on Sunday).
- How Great is Our God (accessible adult song) (<https://youtu.be/wDgmJFw6F64?si=k9wJ9c5V7SMgD3BS>)

Pray together

Break your time of prayer up into three sections:

- A time of praise and thankfulness
- A time of confession and acknowledging sin
- A time of requesting and asking

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 150

Discussion:

- What does the Psalm tell us to do? (12 times!)
- What should we praise God for in this psalm? (v2)
 - What are some of the "mighty deeds" we can praise God for?
 - Think of some big things for everyone and also small things in your life.
 - What are some things that show God's greatness, that we can praise him for?
- How should we praise God in this Psalm? (v3-5)
 - Why does it mention so many musical instruments?

- The song means we should praise God with everything we have.
 - What are different ways we can praise God?
 - How can we praise God with our actions?
 - How can we praise God with our words?
 - How can we praise God with our thoughts?
- What is one thing you can do differently this week to praise God?
- Who should praise God? (Or what – v6)
 - Why should everyone and everything in the world praise God?
 - What did God do with everything in the world?
- Do you think you have praised God with everything in your life?
- Not praising God with everything in your life is sin. What has God done about the problem that we have sinned and not praised him with everything?
- What should we do in response to what God has done for us in Jesus?

Close in Prayer

Ask one another how you can pray for each other. Thank God for what he said to you, and ask him to help you live it out this week.

Ask God to shape your heart so that you are more like Jesus and your desires correspond to his and then ask the Holy Spirit to be more manifestly present in your life.

Notices and Announcements

1. RightNow Media

We have decided not to continue our RightNow Media subscription due to low engagement and usage. You will still have access to the account until August 7, 2026. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us!

2. Real Heart Change

Drawing on resources from the Christian Counselling and Education Foundation (CCEF), this three-part course will consider how we face the troubles of life, how the gospel speaks to our hearts, and how we can grow and change through these experiences. Join us as we learn through practical case studies and personal self-reflection exercises, seeking to grow as followers of Christ and as brothers and sisters who walk alongside one another from a biblical perspective. Join us on Sundays 16, 23 and 30 August, 12.30pm after service. \$50 lunch per Sunday. The deadline is on August 11. To sign up, please click [here](#).

3. MAP - Growing in Bible Handling, Theology and Ministry

MAP is a great training course on Wednesday afternoons, shared between multiple churches, with training in bible handling, theology and ministry skills. A new round will start in September. If this sounds interesting and you can commit to Wednesday afternoons 2-5pm, even if only for a few months, please speak to Niels or Kevin. For more info, you may click [here](#).

4. Churchwide Retreat 2026

Sign ups are open! We will have our churchwide retreat on October 10-11, mark your calendars and save the date! A wonderful time of fellowship and growing together as a church family. Kindly note walk-ins on the day of the retreat will not be considered, so please sign up before the deadline. You may sign up via the link [here](#) on or before September 6. Please do not hesitate to contact us hello@watermarkchurch.hk if you have any questions. See you there!