

DIGITAL WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
BOOK OF DANIEL - WEEK 1

WORDS OF WELCOME — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN + PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

CALL TO WORSHIP

AMONG THE POOR, AMONG THE PROUD,
AMONG THE PERSECUTED, AMONG THE PRIVILEGED,
CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

IN THE PRIVATE HOUSE, IN THE PUBLIC PLACE,
IN THE WEDDING FEAST, IN THE JUDGMENT HALL,
CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

WITH A GENTLE TOUCH, WITH AN ANGRY WORD,
WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE, WITH BURNING LOVE,
CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

THAT THE KINGDOM MIGHT COME, THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BELIEVE,
THAT THE POWERFUL MIGHT STUMBLE, THAT THE HIDDEN MIGHT BE SEEN,
CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

WITHIN US, WITHOUT US, BEHIND US, BEFORE US,
IN THIS PLACE, IN EVERY PLACE, FOR THIS TIME, FOR ALL TIME,
CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW. AMEN.

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

HOLY GOD, MAKER OF ALL, **HAVE MERCY ON US.**
JESUS CHRIST, SON OF MARY, **HAVE MERCY ON US.**
HOLY SPIRIT, BREATH OF LIFE, **HAVE MERCY ON US.**

(SILENCE)

IN THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH AND IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL GOD'S PEOPLE,
I CONFESS TO GOD THAT I HAVE SINNED IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED. I HAVE NOT
LOVED GOD, CARED FOR GOD'S WORLD, OR RESPECTED GOD'S PEOPLE AS I SHOULD. I
OWN MY RESPONSIBILITY AND PRAY FOR GOD'S PARDON. AMEN.

**IN THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH AND IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL GOD'S PEOPLE,
WE CONFESS TO GOD THAT WE HAVE SINNED IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. WE HAVE
NOT LOVED GOD, CARED FOR GOD'S WORLD, OR RESPECTED GOD'S PEOPLE AS WE
SHOULD. WE OWN OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND PRAY FOR GOD'S PARDON.**

MAY GOD FORGIVE YOU, CHRIST BEFRIEND YOU,
AND THE SPIRIT RENEW AND CHANGE YOUR LIFE.
AMEN.

LAMENT — PSALM 13 — HAILEY DEROME

¹HOW LONG, O LORD? WILL YOU FORGET ME FOREVER?
HOW LONG WILL YOU HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME?

²HOW LONG MUST I WRESTLE WITH MY THOUGHTS
AND DAY AFTER DAY HAVE SORROW IN MY HEART?
HOW LONG WILL MY ENEMY TRIUMPH OVER ME?

³LOOK ON ME AND ANSWER, LORD MY GOD.
GIVE LIGHT TO MY EYES, OR I WILL SLEEP IN DEATH,
⁴AND MY ENEMY WILL SAY, “I HAVE OVERCOME HIM,”
AND MY FOES WILL REJOICE WHEN I FALL.

⁵BUT I TRUST IN YOUR UNFAILING LOVE;
MY HEART REJOICES IN YOUR SALVATION.

⁶I WILL SING THE LORD’S PRAISE, FOR HE HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD’S PRAYER

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE 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, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

MAKING AN OFFERING

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SONG OF PRAISE

SCRIPTURE + SERMON — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

FOLLOWING THIS MORNING’S SERMON, WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK BREAD TOGETHER AROUND OUR VARIOUS TABLES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AT HOME, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE SOME BREAD WITH JUICE OR WINE WITH YOU IN YOUR WORSHIP SPACE.

DANIEL 1

¹IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF KING JEHOIAKIM OF JUDAH, KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR OF BABYLON CAME TO JERUSALEM AND BESIEGED IT. ²THE LORD LET KING JEHOIAKIM OF JUDAH FALL INTO HIS POWER, AS WELL AS SOME OF THE VESSELS OF THE HOUSE OF GOD. THESE HE BROUGHT TO THE LAND OF SHINAR, AND PLACED THE VESSELS IN THE TREASURY OF HIS GODS. ³THEN THE KING COMMANDED HIS PALACE MASTER ASPENAZ TO BRING SOME OF THE ISRAELITES OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AND OF THE NOBILITY, ⁴YOUNG MEN WITHOUT PHYSICAL DEFECT AND HANDSOME, VERSED IN EVERY BRANCH OF WISDOM, ENDOWED WITH KNOWLEDGE AND INSIGHT, AND COMPETENT TO SERVE IN THE KING'S PALACE; THEY WERE TO BE TAUGHT THE LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE OF THE CHALDEANS. ⁵THE KING ASSIGNED THEM A DAILY PORTION OF THE ROYAL RATIONS OF FOOD AND WINE. THEY WERE TO BE EDUCATED FOR THREE YEARS, SO THAT AT THE END OF THAT TIME THEY COULD BE STATIONED IN THE KING'S COURT. ⁶AMONG THEM WERE DANIEL, HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH, FROM THE TRIBE OF JUDAH. ⁷THE PALACE MASTER GAVE THEM OTHER NAMES: DANIEL HE CALLED BELTESHAZZAR, HANANIAH HE CALLED SHADRACH, MISHAEL HE CALLED MESHACH, AND AZARIAH HE CALLED ABEDNEGO.

⁸BUT DANIEL RESOLVED THAT HE WOULD NOT DEFILE HIMSELF WITH THE ROYAL RATIONS OF FOOD AND WINE; SO HE ASKED THE PALACE MASTER TO ALLOW HIM NOT TO DEFILE HIMSELF. ⁹NOW GOD ALLOWED DANIEL TO RECEIVE FAVOR AND COMPASSION FROM THE PALACE MASTER. ¹⁰THE PALACE MASTER SAID TO DANIEL, "I AM AFRAID OF MY LORD THE KING; HE HAS APPOINTED YOUR FOOD AND YOUR DRINK. IF HE SHOULD SEE YOU IN POORER CONDITION THAN THE OTHER YOUNG MEN OF YOUR OWN AGE, YOU WOULD ENDANGER MY HEAD WITH THE KING." ¹¹THEN DANIEL ASKED THE GUARD WHOM THE PALACE MASTER HAD APPOINTED OVER DANIEL, HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH: ¹²"PLEASE TEST YOUR SERVANTS FOR TEN DAYS. LET US BE GIVEN VEGETABLES TO EAT AND WATER TO DRINK. ¹³YOU CAN THEN COMPARE OUR APPEARANCE WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THE YOUNG MEN WHO EAT THE ROYAL RATIONS, AND DEAL WITH YOUR SERVANTS ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU OBSERVE." ¹⁴SO HE AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL AND TESTED THEM FOR TEN DAYS. ¹⁵AT THE END OF TEN DAYS IT WAS OBSERVED THAT THEY APPEARED BETTER AND FATTER THAN ALL THE YOUNG MEN WHO HAD BEEN EATING THE ROYAL RATIONS. ¹⁶SO THE GUARD CONTINUED TO WITHDRAW THEIR ROYAL RATIONS AND THE WINE THEY WERE TO DRINK, AND GAVE THEM VEGETABLES.

DANIEL 1 (CONTINUED)

¹⁷TO THESE FOUR YOUNG MEN GOD GAVE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN EVERY ASPECT OF LITERATURE AND WISDOM; DANIEL ALSO HAD INSIGHT INTO ALL VISIONS AND DREAMS. ¹⁸AT THE END OF THE TIME THAT THE KING HAD SET FOR THEM TO BE BROUGHT IN, THE PALACE MASTER BROUGHT THEM INTO THE PRESENCE OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR, ¹⁹AND THE KING SPOKE WITH THEM. AND AMONG THEM ALL, NO ONE WAS FOUND TO COMPARE WITH DANIEL, HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH; THEREFORE THEY WERE STATIONED IN THE KING'S COURT. ²⁰IN EVERY MATTER OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING WHICH THE KING INQUIRED OF THEM, HE FOUND THEM TEN TIMES BETTER THAN ALL THE MAGICIANS AND ENCHANTERS IN HIS WHOLE KINGDOM. ²¹AND DANIEL CONTINUED THERE UNTIL THE FIRST YEAR OF KING CYRUS.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

IT IS RIGHT AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. YOU FORMED US IN YOUR IMAGE AND BREATHED INTO US THE BREATH OF LIFE. WHEN WE TURNED AWAY, AND OUR LOVE FAILED, YOUR LOVE REMAINED STEADFAST. YOU DELIVERED US FROM CAPTIVITY, MADE COVENANT TO BE OUR SOVEREIGN GOD, AND SPOKE TO US THROUGH YOUR PROPHETS, WHO LOOKED FOR THAT DAY WHEN JUSTICE SHALL ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN EVER-FLOWING STREAM, WHEN NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANYMORE.

AND SO, WITH YOUR PEOPLE ON EARTH AND ALL THE COMPANY OF HEAVEN WE PRAISE YOUR NAME AND JOIN THEIR UNENDING HYMN:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,

HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (CONTINUED)

HOLY ARE YOU, AND BLESSED IS YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST. YOUR SPIRIT ANOINTED HIM TO PREACH GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR, TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, AND TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE TIME HAD COME WHEN YOU WOULD SAVE YOUR PEOPLE. HE HEALED THE SICK, FED THE HUNGRY, AND ATE WITH SINNERS. BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS SUFFERING, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION YOU GAVE BIRTH TO YOUR CHURCH, DELIVERED US FROM SLAVERY TO SIN AND DEATH, AND MADE WITH US A NEW COVENANT BY WATER AND THE SPIRIT.

ON THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US, HE TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS TO YOU, BROKE THE BREAD, GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, AND SAID: "TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

WHEN THE SUPPER WAS OVER HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS TO YOU, GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, AND SAID: "DRINK FROM THIS, ALL OF YOU; THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, Poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

AND SO, IN REMEMBRANCE OF THESE YOUR MIGHTY ACTS IN JESUS CHRIST, WE OFFER OURSELVES IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AS A HOLY AND LIVING SACRIFICE, IN UNION WITH CHRIST'S OFFERING FOR US, AS WE PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

CHRIST HAS DIED;

CHRIST IS RISEN;

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT ON US GATHERED HERE, AND ON THESE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE. MAKE THEM BE FOR US THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, THAT WE MAY BE FOR THE WORLD THE BODY OF CHRIST, REDEEMED BY HIS BLOOD. BY YOUR SPIRIT MAKE US ONE WITH CHRIST, ONE WITH EACH OTHER, AND ONE IN MINISTRY TO ALL THE WORLD, UNTIL CHRIST COMES IN FINAL VICTORY, AND WE FEAST AT HIS HEAVENLY BANQUET. THROUGH YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR HOLY CHURCH, ALL HONOR AND GLORY IS YOURS, ALMIGHTY FATHER (GOD), NOW AND FOR EVER.

AMEN.

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