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# WORSHIP AT HOME

## WITH VICTORIA ALLIANCE CHURCH

### **A note before we begin...**

If you are worshipping on your own today, or even with a small group of family members or friends, there will be some things that just feel awkward about this experience. Still, we are encouraging you to lean in, and try it out anyway. Everything gets easier with familiarity. As much as possible, read, pray, sing, and declare things out loud – for there is a spiritual power to the spoken word that we should never underestimate. You may find this strange at first – but again, the more you try, the easier it becomes.

If you have younger worshipers with you, please do your best to involve them in all aspects of worship. They are watching you and taking their lead from you. As you participate fully, they will also dive in.

If you plan to tune into our video teaching at the same time as others in our community (recommended) then you will want to begin your worship at home time at around 9:30am PST.

Before you start, we suggest that you skim through this resource in advance, and set up your computer or phone with the link for our broadcast ([victoriaalliance.online.church](https://victoriaalliance.online.church)).

If you have any issues with “technical” aspects of what we are providing as resources, please reach out to us with an email ([office@victoriaalliance.ca](mailto:office@victoriaalliance.ca)). We will do our best to offer help as soon as we can.

Now, let's begin...

# ENTERING WORSHIP

## CALL TO WORSHIP

If you have one available, and feel safe doing so, light a candle and say these words aloud:

*"We light this candle to remind ourselves that Jesus is the Light of the world, and He is with us always."*

## PRAISE & ADORATION

Take a few moments to do one or more of the following:

- Sing a hymn of praise accapella (suggestion: **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**)
- Sing a song of praise along with our **church Spotify playlist** (suggestions: **Our God Saves, How Great is Our God, Here I am To Worship**)
- Think of as many ways to finish this sentence as you can: God, You are\_\_\_\_\_.
- Write a letter to God, taking time to reflect on the nature of God and His faithfulness throughout this past week.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Take a few moments to pray, lifting up your requests before God for:

- Your household
- Our Faith Community and Missions Partners
- Our Country
- The World

# THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Open a Bible to **Psalm 42** and read it aloud.

or, here's a kid-friendly version:

*Just like a deer that craves streams of water,  
my whole being craves you, God.*

*My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When will I come and see God's face?*

## MESSAGE

Watch the video recording of our message with others around the city at the link provided here: **[victoriaalliance.online.church](https://victoriaalliance.online.church)** (type this into any browser)

The video will go live at **10am PST**, and will remain accessible throughout the week. The chat will be open fifteen minutes before and fifteen minutes after our live feed, so feel free to tune in a little earlier if you want to say hello!

# RESPONSE

## REFLECTION

- What do you sense the Holy Spirit is speaking with you about?
- What or who is coming to mind as you consider the message?
- If you are with others, take a few moments to share what stood out for you in the reading or message today.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to faithfully respond to His leading.

## OFFERING

- Continue in worship as you prepare to give generously to support the mission of making Jesus known among us, around us, beyond us.
- Options for giving at home here: <https://www.victoriaalliance.ca/pages/give> or feel free to click the link provided on the video.
- Pray, asking God to guide our leaders to make wise decisions and to carry out good stewardship of the gifts presented for God's glory.
- If you or someone you know needs assistance, or if you have a resource of time you would like to donate as we seek to connect people with resources, please get in touch with our office. (email [office@victoriaalliance.ca](mailto:office@victoriaalliance.ca))

# SENDING

## BENEDICTION - A GOOD WORD

Say aloud:

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

*Romans 8:38-39*

## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

As we extinguish the candle we lit at the beginning of our service, remember that we carry the light of Jesus into the world wherever we go.

## MAKING JESUS KNOWN

Take a moment to think of 1 or 2 people you would normally connect with on a Sunday morning gathering. Call them now and let them know you are thinking of them. If it seems appropriate, ask them how you can best be praying for them in the week ahead.

## CHECKING IN

If you have the time, send us a quick email to let us know how your worship at home experience went. We rely heavily upon your feedback as we create new resources to support you through the social distancing days. Email: [\*\*office@victoriaalliance.ca\*\*](mailto:office@victoriaalliance.ca)

If you are on [\*\*Facebook\*\*](#) or [\*\*Instagram\*\*](#), tag us in a quick pic of your worship at home time and use the hashtag #VACeveryday to encourage our wider faith community.

See you (online) next week!