

# Matins for Children & Families

Week of Oct 7. - Oct. 13, 2016



The Liturgy Letter

## Opening Words

Let us remember  
that we are in the Holy presence of God.

*Light a prayer candle.*

Lord, open our lips,  
and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

*Psalm 51:15*

## Psalm of the Week (different Psalm + musical refrain each week)

*\*Children sing the refrain and an adult reads the the Psalm text in between*

### Psalm 111 (NIV)

*\*Optional question --- What does it mean to “ponder” something? How do we ponder the works of the Lord?*

Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

*\*Click the text above for [audio](#)*

- 1 Praise the Lord.  
I will extol the Lord with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- 2 Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- 3 Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

- 4 He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.  
8 They are established forever and ever,  
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

9 He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever—  
holy and awesome is his name.

Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
To him belongs eternal praise.

Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
And will be for ever.  
Amen.

*\*Optional --- Make the sign of the cross while saying the “Glory be”*

### **Examen/Confession**

Lord, forgive us for the things we do that hurt you and other people.  
Because you always love us, help us to love each other.

Bless the Lord who forgives all of our sins  
His love endures forever.

*\*Optional --- Adults and children appropriately share ways they have hurt God and other people that week. Ask forgiveness if fitting.*

### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 17:11-19 Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy (NIV)

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Day 1 - Read, then imagine and have kids act it out.

Day 2 - How does this passage connect to the OT or whole biblical narrative? The man who was most thankful was a Samaritan! What does this teach us? What other Bible stories do you know that teach us about gratitude and faith? When we pray, it is just as important to give God thanks as it is to ask him for things. Gratitude is a result of faith.

Day 3 - Talk about a piece of art associated with the passage. ([The Leper gives Thanks, Jesus and the Ten Lepers](#), [Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers](#) )

Your Word is a light unto our feet  
And a lamp unto our path.

## Profession of Faith

### (Nicene Creed, Apostles’ Creed, Heidelberg Confession Q&A #1)

*\*One line is added to the creed/confession each week; each text is memorized over the course of many weeks.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth. [Week One](#)

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary. [Week Two](#)

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell. [Week Three](#)

The third day he rose again from the dead. [Week Four](#)

He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. [Week Five](#)  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, [Week Six](#)  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen. [Week Seven](#)

## **Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Day 1 - Adult offers a short prayer of dedication.

Day 2 - Adult provides prompts (ie. Pray for family, friends, city, those who are sad), kids can offer a word or sentence of prayer after each prompt.  
ie. Let us pray for: family, friends, people in trouble, other countries...

Day 3 - A child or children pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*\*Holding hands in a circle or individual hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the orans](#)*

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **Optional --- Doxology, Hymn, or Weekly Psalm Refrain**

ie. [God is So Good](#), [Doxology \(Old 100th\)](#), [Jesus, the Light of the World](#)

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## **Prayers Before a Meal**

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest  
And to our lives these gifts be blessed.  
Amen.

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for the food before us,  
the friends beside us,  
and the love between us. Amen.

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## Vertical Habits for Children:

Cultivating Faithful Speech and Relationship Towards God and People



## Relational Words / Worship Words ([More Resources...](#))

I Love You / Praise

I'm Sorry / Confession

Why? / Lament

I'm Listening / Illumination

Help / Supplication or Petition

Thank you / Thanksgiving

Here I Stand / Creed

What Can I Do? / Service

Bless You / Blessing