

Jubilee Sunday Worship Resources

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We come together to proclaim God's Jubilee, and to praise God for the gift of all of life.

People: We come knowing the world belongs to God—the Earth and all its people.

Leader: God does not intend for people to suffer, whether near at home or in far away countries.

People: When God's love and our faith come together, God's will for the abundant life for all humanity, and our lives of faithful service will join hands.

Leader: We come today as one to hear and experience the call of God.

People: We come together to heed a jubilee call.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Unison)

Loving God,

send your Spirit to us as we seek to live as you intend.

May your presence comfort us and also confront us with the responsibility of making your word of love become flesh in our actions.

We are learning that people around the world suffer and die because their countries must shoulder stifling burdens of international debt.

We know that you do not intend for millions to suffer and that you call all of us to work to bring in your realm.

Help us to share the good news of life with others, that in sharing, we might learn what it means to live your love.

In the name of Christ,

Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Leader: The God who fulfills each divine promise offers us love without limits.

People: In the center of our being is God's holy presence, setting us free to follow a path of light and not darkness. Our spirits yearn for liberty and our hearts dance at the thought of freedom.

May we become a positive presence for those who suffer and hunger around the world. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP BASED ON LEVITICUS 25

Leader 1: The Lord God says you shall count off seven Sabbaths of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years give forty-nine years.

Leader 2: Then on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land.

Leader 3: And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you.

People: Let the trumpets blow loud and long throughout all the land.

Leader 1: The Jubilee year shall be a holy time, a time to proclaim liberty throughout all the land.

People: Let trumpets proclaim liberty throughout the land.

Leader 2: The Jubilee year shall be a holy time, a time to proclaim liberty to enslaved debtors.

People: Let the trumpets blow loud and long throughout the land.

Leader 3: The jubilee year shall be a Holy time, a time for everyone to return home to be with their families. Let the trumpets sound the return.

People: Let the trumpets Proclaim liberty throughout al the land.

Leader 1: The Jubilee year shall be a Sabbath rest for all the peoples, and for the animals, and for the land. Even the land will rest in that time.
People: Let the trumpets blow loud and long throughout all the land!
Leader 2: The fiftieth year shall be the year of Jubilee. Let the trumpets blow throughout all the land!
All: Let the trumpets of liberty and Jubilee blow throughout the land!

RESPONSIVE READING BASED ON ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

Leader 1: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to those who are afflicted,
Leader 2: to bind up the brokenhearted,
Leader 1: to proclaim liberty to those who are bound,
Leader 2: and release to those who are imprisoned;
Leader 1: to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of restoration to our God;
Leader 2: to comfort all those who mourn;
Leader 1: to provide for those who mourn, a garland instead of ashes,
Leader 2: the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
Leader 1: garments of splendor instead of a heavy heart.
Left Side: They will be called oaks of righteousness,
Right Side: a planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
Leader 1: They shall build up the ancient ruins,
Left Side: they shall raise up the former devastations;
Right Side: they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.
Leader 2: For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
Leader 1: I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Left Side: Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
Right Side: all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
Leader 2: We will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
Our whole being shall exult in my God...
Left Side: For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
Right Side: so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (THE "LORD'S PRAYER" OR "OUR FATHER")

(From Luke's version, in the KJV, using "debts")

Our Father
which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
as in heaven, so also in earth.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins;
for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.