Let us lift our hearts up to the Lord and lay everything at the Lord's feet. Ask Him to help you fix your eyes upon Him. If you have anything that is burdening you please take a moment right now to lay it all down at the Lord's feet. Entrust whatever it is entirely to the Lord. Let us bow before Him now.

[THANKSGIVING]

Let us, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving,"

- **10** Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
- 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.
- **12** Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?
- 13 Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel?
- **14** Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?
- 15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.
- 16 Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.
- 17 All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.
- 18 To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?
- 19 An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains.
- **20** He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.
- **21** Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- **22** It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
- 23 who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
- 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- **25** To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
- **26** Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.
- **27** Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?
- 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
- **29** He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might be increases strength.
- 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;
- **31** but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:21-31 NKJV)

Let us worship the Lord by offering Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving. During the next 2-3 minutes, we will take turns thanking the Lord out loud, specifically for His wonderful deeds, for who He is, and what He has done.

Abba Father I thank you for . . .

[PRAISE]

and His courts with praise."

113 Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

² Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

⁴The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

⁶ who looks far down

on the heavens and the earth?

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 145

¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The Lord is good to all,

and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

[The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.][C]

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- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open your hand;

you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

- ¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.
- ²⁰ The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Abba Father, we praise you, for you are . . . (each say this phrase and then in sequence one of the following)

- 1) El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
- 2) El Elyon (The Most High God)
- 3) El Roi (The God who sees)
- 4) Adonai (Lord, Master)
- 5) Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)
- **6)** Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)
- 7) Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)
- 8) Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
- 9) Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)
- 10) Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
- 11) Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)
- 12) El Olam (The Everlasting God)
- 13) Elohim (God "Creator, Mighty and Strong," God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, three in One)
- 14) Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
- 15) Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)
- 16) Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

Abba Father we praise you!

[CONFESSION]

Let us approach confession with fresh faith and hope, asking for the Lord's help. Lord you have called us in your Word to love you with all we have and all that we are.

Matthew 22:37 says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Deuteronomy 5:6-7 says:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

Lord, help us to lay aside every sin that so easily entangles:

our unforgiveness, Lord help us. Reveal to us where we are unforgiving in the small and in the huge things.

our anger, frustration, and unforgiveness,

our doubt, unbelief, lack of trust;

our willfulness and selfishness;

our will and resistance;

our wanting to do things our own way or the way that we have always done it; our fear,

our insecurity,

our worry,

our pride,

our critical spirit, hidden resentment, and bitterness,

our legalism,

our jealousy, envy, tendency to compare;

our wrong worldview and erroneous cultural expectations, and clinging to human traditions;

our weaknesses, frailty, woundedness, and hurt. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Or any other sin the Lord has revealed to you this morning or during this week, confess it out loud to Him and to one another.

Abba Father, I confess . . .

[CLOSE CONFESSION]

If we confess our sin, He is faithful to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 32 tells us:

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity.

[INTERCESSION]

Let us bring our requests before Him. During the next 3-4 minutes, let us ask the Lord for His help for circumstances in our own lives.

Abba Father, I lift up . . . (one thing from your own life)

[CLOSING]

Let us close today by praying through the Lord's prayer together:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.