

CHRIST-CENTERED YOM KIPPUR 2022

Order of Worship

Phase 1: The Giving of Thanks and Praise unto GOD

The Minister or a chosen one should do a worship song of choice, or a hymn, which specifically focuses upon the giving of thanks and praise unto GOD. Upon its completion, The Presiding Minister, an Elder, or a deacon should approach the podium and offer prayers and praises in the following categories with some 'starter' or suggestive prayers they can give:

- **For salvation**
 - **Minister:** "We thank you oh GOD for sending your Son Jesus Christ to make propitiation for our sins, delivering us from the eternal death and damnation by His precious blood! Thank you for delivering us from a life of sin and choosing us to be your own where you have sealed us with the Holy Spirit of promise. We are your awaiting and preparing Bride and look forward to the coming of our LORD to catch us away, of which we now because of Christ we have no fear of death or being condemned."
 - **The People:** "We Thank and Praise you, LORD for salvation."
- **For life**
 - **Minister:** "GOD of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, you breathed into us the breath of life from the beginning and man became a living soul! We glorify your name for giving us an existence with purpose, for we not only have a natural life but an abundant one in Christ Jesus who has made us new creatures and reconciled us to GOD. Our very being is awakened unto you and because of this, by the Holy Spirit, we are no longer dead in our trespasses and sins, but you've chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world. We now have life and have it ABUNDANTLY!"
 - **The People:** "We Thank and Praise you, LORD for life."
- **For provision**
 - **Minister:** "LORD, you have given unto us rain in its season, the sun, and have provided us with food, shelter, clothing, and an abundance of things by your blessings upon us. You've given us all things which pertain to life and godliness as well as things richly to enjoy on earth. All things come from you, and we acknowledge you as our provider, who always makes a way out of impossible situations. Shower your blessings continuously upon your people and use us to be your hands to Minister to the poor and needy so they'll know you haven't forgotten about them."
 - **The People:** "We Thank and Praise you, LORD for your provision."
- **For protection**
 - **Minister:** "LORD you are our shield and our fortress, for in you we have safety and protection from all harm. You have sent your Angels to encamp round about us, keeping us from all harm and evil. Your care for our lives and households is amazing and warrants our praise and gratitude for without you we'd be lost, dead, and pawns in the hand of the enemy. Through dangers seen and unseen you've been our GOD who fights on behalf of your people. We are blessed and confidently walk in the earth because of your steadfast love and jealous guarding of our lives."

- **The People:** “We Thank and Praise you, LORD for your protection.”
- **For His Church and the People in it**
 - **Minister:** “LORD, you said upon this rock you would build your Church and over 2,000 years removed from that declaration here we stand in your presence. You’ve been good to us and have kept us, upholding us by the Word of your power! By your Spirit, you placed us in your Body to be your people, whom you’ve washed with your blood and sanctified by your Spirit to be purified and Holy unto you. Every member has your fingerprint upon them and we are grateful for one another because whomever you saved are your sons and therefore we are brethren under you. Keep us unified, living in your image, and a Holy people —a spotless Bride well pleasing unto you.”
 - **The People:** “We Thank and Praise you, LORD for your Church.”

Now, everyone is to be seated for the next phase, the Hearing of the Word of GOD. The Presiding Minister may choose to read all the passages or select Elders or Deacons to meaningfully and passionately read the passages given.

PHASE 2: THE HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD

- Scriptural exhortations to Love GOD
 - Deuteronomy 6:1-9
 - Mark 12:28-34
- Scriptural exhortations to Seek Him with the whole heart
 - Jeremiah 29:8-14
 - Matthew 6:25-34
- Scriptural exhortations to not sin 1 John 1-2
 - Colossians 3:1-17
 - 1 John 2:1-6, 15-17
- Scriptural exhortations to not break His commandments
 - Romans 6 (whole chapter)
 - 1 John 3:13-24
- Scriptural exhortations to be Holy, separated from the world and that which is unclean
 - 1 Corinthians 6 (whole chapter)
 - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
- Scriptural exhortations to walk after the Spirit, not the flesh or the fulfillment of its lusts
 - Galatians 5 (whole chapter)
- Scriptural exhortations to order our household and family in the way of the LORD
 - Joshua 24:14-25
 - Psalms 78:1-8
- Scriptural exhortations to give GOD our sacrifice of time, gifts, and service for the Church and her ministries
 - Proverbs 3:5-10
 - Acts 4:32-5:11

After hearing the Word of GOD, the people should stand with hands raised unto GOD, instructed by the Presider, and respond by saying:

“THANK YOU, LORD, FOR YOUR HOLY WORD! WE HEAR THE SCRIPTURES AS YOUR VOICE AND SUBMIT OURSELVES TO EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM YOUR MOUTH.”

Then, immediately following the declaration of the people, the hymn DRAW ME NEARER should be sang by the congregation, either seated or kneeling, in unison. If there's no musician available, one should go to the Internet and play the instrumental track that's available. This is befitting and proper in this worship context.

1 I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

2 Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine. [Refrain]

3 Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend! [Refrain]

4 There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee. [Refrain]

Upon the completion of the singing of the hymn, the Presiding Minister should call everyone to observe a moment of silent reflection upon the Word they heard, how the Word has shed light upon sin in their heart or life, and how they should prepare themselves for a time of repentance. There should be no music in the background rather, Holy silence in the gathering space.

Suitably, led by the Holy Spirit of when to end the time of silence, The Presiding Minister ONLY will lead the people of GOD in Prayers of Repentance however, when he's finished giving his prayer, he will leave space for the people to pray on their own as they are convicted by the Holy Spirit according to the prayers the Presider's praying. Then, the Presider, as led by the Holy Spirit, will move on to the next prayer and repeat this pattern over.

PHASE 3: THE REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE PRAYERS

- *For the sin of not loving GOD and keeping His commandment the Presider will say:*
 - “LORD, forgive me and the members of the Church who are guilty of not loving you with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. Forgive where we’ve veered from your commandments and have sought to do things our way. Forgive, where we have fought your commandment and sought to accommodate our own plans and purposes. Forgive, where we have not taken the Word of GOD seriously as YOUR VOICE AND WILL speaking to us, to reveal your will which is perfect and flawless. Blot out our sin of not putting you first in all things or, for allowing a love for anything or anyone else to cause us to disregard your law. We dedicate our lives to living as you commanded and shall not turn away from your perfect and righteous law again. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.”
- *For the sin of not seeking GOD with daily Spiritual disciplines, with our whole heart the Presider will say:*
 - “LORD, you said men should always pray and never faint. You also told us to meditate upon your Word daily. Yet, you also encouraged us to fast and practice humility. My Savior, forgive me and the members of the Church who are guilty of not practicing Spiritual disciplines as a habit of the soul. Wash us from anything and uproot everything from our being which has caused us to not value the importance and necessity of daily communion and fellowship with you—above all things. We’ve allowed our phones and all that appertains to its functions to steal our time with you and even worse, we’ve built a new image with the world’s gadgets and have vainly sought to live up to it with photos, tweets, posts, videos, and such likes when we should have sought you. Forgive us LORD for where we’ve allowed our appetites to keep us from fasting, our schedules to keep us from praying, and our vain passion to look beautiful to rise early to work on our body but void of the same discipline to spend quality time in the Word of GOD. Cleanse us with your precious blood and help us prioritize our lives and number our days! We will dedicate our lives to Spiritual disciplines, to be disciples which are demonstrating a transformation which only you can give. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.”
- *For the sin of not separating from the world and its ways, from that which is unclean, and for wrongly yoking with unbelievers the Presider will say:*
 - “LORD, you told us to love not the world neither the things that are in it. Forgive us, for where we’ve tried to have Spiritual Syncretism—blending the doctrines of Christ with the customs of this world in our Spiritual walk. Forgive us, for where we’ve become desensitized to cursing, lust, swearing, lying, murder, dirty jokes, comedy shows that mock Christians and Christianity, tolerating wicked shows and movies, have developed a taste for secularism and all its trappings, have allowed the philosophy of the world’s politically motivated minds to corrupt our pure conscience towards GOD, and where we’ve sought for acceptance of the world more than we’ve called the world to repentance by the Gospel. Forgive us, for where we’ve accepted the abominations which the world holds dear and has used as a tool to call us unloving and un-Christlike whereas we, like Eve, have entertained the Serpent in exchange for denying your law. Forgive those of us who’ve married ungodly, non-Christian spouses or who are dating and attracted to worldly-unregenerate people. Forgive us for the sin of remarriage to another while the first spouse is yet living for it

is adultery in your eyes. We dedicate our lives to being as your Word leads us and your Holy Spirit empowers us; to be a Holy people, peculiar and unspotted from this world. And with your Grace and sanctifying power from your throne, we will never return to these worldly ways again. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.”

- *For the sin of indulging, entertaining, encouraging, or gratifying the flesh the Presider will say:*
 - “LORD GOD, you have redeemed us from the curse and have delivered us from condemnation by Christ Jesus, if we walk not after the flesh but after the Holy Spirit. Forgive us LORD, where we have indulged and encouraged the passions of the flesh as recorded in your Word—all which are unclean and unholy. Where we’ve been made unclean or contaminated by the sway of this world, have mercy upon us. Where we’ve been plagued by generational curses which have caused us to veer from your Holy path, have mercy upon us. Where we’ve developed a toleration for gratifying the flesh with our eyes, by pride, or by wrong associations, have mercy upon us and blot out our sins. Where we’ve committed fornication, adultery, homosexual behavior, whoredom, been envious, jealous, effeminate, walked in anger, gluttony, a gossip or talebearer, a false witness, practiced or encouraged witchcraft, hatred, unforgiveness, drunkenness or any intoxicating drinks, used drugs or mind-altering substances, or defiled our temple in any way (a temple that’s yours), have mercy upon us. We dedicate our lives to walking after the Holy Spirit and not after the flesh, by your Grace. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.”
- *For the sin of not being committed to supporting the Worship, works, and ministries of the Church the Presider will say:*
 - “LORD, you called us to continue as one Body together to Worship you and to never forsake that assembly. You’ve also called for everyone in the Body to do the work of the Ministry and do all we can to give unto it. Forgive us LORD, for where we’ve made seeking to make our involvement in the Church important enough to belong but lacking the esteem to be first and the priority of our life. Forgive us LORD, for where we’ve lied about our absences and purposely sought to live in laziness, convenience of the flesh, or esteemed personal pursuits and pleasure higher than your Church’s call. All that we have, whether it is material blessings or terrific responsibilities in this world, came from you so forgive us for thinking that what you’ve given us is of higher importance than who and what you’ve called us unto and to be. Forgive us LORD, for where we’ve redirected the blessings of our provision away from the House of GOD and its Ministries so we can live in our own comfort. Forgive us LORD, for every time we’ve lied about our giving and did not give unto you an honest tithe or offering, as we vowed or promised. We are guilty of breaking our vows (as a unified Body) in so many ways and have lost our sensitivity to feeling or even caring about the collateral damage our dereliction of duty does to your Kingdom work. LORD, we dedicate our wealth, resources, strength, and time to prioritizing and serving the works and ministries of the Kingdom of GOD.”

*The Presiding Minister will give time for people to pray and complete the prayers of confession and repentance. It is befitting and encouraged to Minister to anyone who is overwhelmed with guilt or shame due to these prayers. Yet, after this is completed, the Presider will have everyone stand and sing a worship song entitled **HOLINESS** (and if there's no musician present, the track can be obtained online where the Presider should seek to have music accompaniment for the sake of unity of sound and excellence in worship):*

HOLINESS (W&M: Scott Underwood c 1995 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing (CCLI #522161)

1 Holiness, Holiness, Is What I Long For.

Holiness Is What I Need!

Holiness, Holiness, Is What You Want From Me.

Refrain:

2 Take My Heart, And Form It!

Take My Mind, Transform It!

Take My Will, Conform It,

To Yours, To Yours, Oh Lord...

3 Faithfulness, Faithfulness,

Is What I Long For.

Faithfulness Is What I Need!

Faithfulness, Faithfulness,

Is What You Want From Me. [Refrain]

4 Righteousness, Righteousness,

Is What I Long For.

Righteousness Is What I Need!

Righteousness, Righteousness,

Is What You Want From Me. [Refrain]

5 Brokenness, Brokenness,

Is What I Long For.

Brokenness Is What I Need!

Brokenness, Brokenness,

Is What You Want From Me. [Refrain]

PHASE 4: THE VOWS

Once the worship song is complete, the Presiding Minister will say the following:

"In light of all that we've heard from GOD's Word and the prayers of repentance which included the confession of sin, let us now make a vow to the LORD, in His presence and among all which are in this assembly, which solidifies our commitment to live as He's called us to live. Therefore beloved, let us vow TO LOVE, WORSHIP, AND OBEY THE TRIUNE GOD!"

THE PEOPLE: “We vow before the true and living GOD, in light of the New Covenant and the commands in the Scriptures, we will love GOD with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength as well as our neighbors as ourselves. We will obey Him and never seek to sin against Him, bring shame to His name with our witness, nor sin with or against our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.”

LET US VOW TO STUDY SCRIPTURE, PRAY, FAST, PRACTICE HUMILITY AND SUBMISSION TO GOD!

The PEOPLE: We vow before the true and living GOD, to practice the Spiritual disciplines found in His Word, as He taught His disciples and they the Church throughout the New Testament. We will also prayerfully practice being humble and submitted vessels to GOD, His Word, and to those over us in the LORD. In so doing, we vow to seek GOD to be filled with the Holy Spirit daily, the empowerment necessary to do His will, always living in His overflow”

LET US VOW TO BE HOLY AND NOT SIN BY BREAKING GOD’S COMMANDMENTS!

THE PEOPLE: “We vow before the true and living GOD, to be a Holy people for it is our highest calling! We will not practice nor make excuses to break GOD’s commandments. We will have the testimony that He has made us a peculiar people, and, is able to keep us from falling into our old life and nature, because it’s His will.”

LET US VOW TO BE FAITHFULLY TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH AND HER MISSION!

THE PEOPLE: “We vow before the true and living GOD, to dedicate our wealth, strength, resources, time, talents, and the best of our ability for the promotion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the work of the Ministry, and the overall support of the Church. We will sacrificially give cheerfully, honestly, and dependably to the glory of GOD—counting nothing we have as our own for everything we possess belongs to the LORD and is under His command.”

LET US VOW TO WALK IN LOVE AND UNITY WITH ALL THE BRETHREN!

THE PEOPLE: “We vow before the true and living GOD, to love the brethren and never allow the secular and societal stereotypes to pollute our opinions about another nor guide us in our fellowship endeavors. We will share our resources, edify, admonish, and support everyone as GOD’s children and do unto others as we would have them do unto us. We will let nothing separate us from the love of GOD nor of one another, with GOD’s help.”

LET US VOW TO RAISE CHILDREN AND HOUSEHOLDS TO KNOW AND SERVE GOD!

THE PEOPLE: “We vow before the true and living GOD, to raise our children to be at the gatherings of the Saints on the LORD’s day while getting them involved in the Church’s Christian education, activities, ministries, and collateral services with aim to see them saved, discipled well, and witnesses for the LORD Jesus serving GOD with gladness. We vow to trust the God-fearing workers who labor with our children, encouraging them in their labors and supporting them unconditionally. We will see our children influenced by the Gospel, shaped by the Scriptures, filled with the Holy Spirit, and excited about serving the LORD.”

THE PRESIDER: “*LORD GOD, you heard the vows and proclamation of your Church. Grant unto us Grace to reflect upon what we’ve said until it’s second nature to us, and pray feverishly for you to keep us in our vow for everything we’ve declared to you is found in your Holy Word. Anoint us therefore and give us power to live as you’ve commanded so our witness glorifies you and draws all men unto you. In the name of Jesus Christ our LORD, Amen.*”

PHASE 5: THE CLOSING EXHORTATION

Now, the Presiding Minister shall give the people of GOD the following instructions which they should observe into the next day which are:

- Pray every third hour until sundown the next day, reflecting upon the mercy and goodness of GOD
- Read the Word of GOD as often as possible, unplugging from social media, television, unnecessary telephone conversations and all other outside resources. (Be free to do it with others)
- Repent for everything that the Holy Spirit or the reading of Scripture brings to your conscience (and rebuke any memories the enemy or the flesh brings to you)
- Ask the LORD to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify and revive your soul
- Pray diligently for the Church and for all households in the Church to be one, committed, and refreshed in the presence of the LORD

After which, the Presiding Minister shall collect an offering, then the appropriate benedictory dismissal.