

Night of Worship

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29th of May 2020



Night of Worship Resource Guide

Welcome!

We are thrilled to have you join us to worship and seek God as one community in this season. Though we cannot physically be together, praise God that we are the church no matter where we are. We hope this service gives you a space to worship our Creator God and reflect on His character. We also want to create a space where you can spend time discerning and listening to what it is He might be saying to you personally or to us corporately.

As a church we believe that we were created to worship and our desire is to be a people who are in step with Christ. This service will give you a space to capture your attention to help you focus on Jesus. To take our eyes off the busyness of life and turn us to God. Worship is not based on our likes or dislikes. It is not based on personal preferences or priorities. It is a to focus on Him.

There will be four brackets of worship and reflection times. There will be live music, painting, dancing, bible readings, reflective videos and time to sit and wait upon Him. Throughout the service on our website there is a form for you to fill out, please use this platform to share with us what it is God is saying to you. If there is a message of encouragement, impression or a prophetic word head to www.gwac.org.au/nightofworship and share it with us, so we can use it to encourage the body of Christ.

Whether you are worshiping with us live or doing it in your own time we encourage you to use this resource to help facilitate a posture of worship. During the service we want to encourage you to worship God in whatever way you feel comfortable.



Musical Worship

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout to the Rock of our salvation! Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him in song.

Though you may not know all the words, or they may not be your favourite songs, we hope the joy of singing truths about who God is and what he has done for this world encourage you to embrace the worship sessions.

We pray that you would all have moments that leave you completely transformed as individuals.

We also pray that the commitment to gather together and worship in the midst of this season isn't based on our own needs and expectations but that it's grounded in desire to lift up the name of God and fully live into what it means to be the church and his disciples.

Songs:

Session 1:

Good and Gracious King - CityAlight

Tremble - Mosaic MSC

Way Maker - Sinach (Leeland ver.)

Session 2:

Communion - Maverick City Music

Holy Spirit - Jesus Culture

Session 3:

Build My Life - Housefires

So Will I (100 Billion X) - Hillsong United



Contemplative Reading

Use the space provided below to reflect on the reading that was shared

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

FIRST READING: As the passage is read out, wait for a word, concept, a verse, or phrase to catch your attention. Allow it to arise from the passage as if it is God’s word for you today.

SECOND READING: This time ask how this phrase or verse speaks to your life and why it has connected with you.

How is God speaking to you through this?
 How is God trying to get your attention in this moment?
 How is he stirring your thoughts, desires, passions, hopes, fears and experiences in this moment?

Frame a single sentence that reflects that God might be saying to you.



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THIRD READING: In the last few moments, take the time to respond to God. You might like to journal, write down a prayer or sit in the stillness.

Bring to him what is happening in your life and in our community.
Speak to him and listen, listen and reflect.

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Reflection Questions:

Q: Shout for joy! In this season, where are you shouting for joy?

Q: What are can you give thanks for?

Q: God is good, loving and faithful. How else would you describe God?

Q: How could thanksgiving aid the way you worship tonight?



Free Worship

If God has put something on your heart we want to give you a space and opportunity to do that

God wants us to be present where we are. He invites us to see and to hear what is around us and, through it all, to discern what he might be saying to us. This may be a message to us as individuals or a message to the church.

We believe that any potentially prophetic words should be tested with scripture & discerned by leaders. So if you feel led to share, please head to **www.gwac.org.au/nightofworship** and use the space provided to share with us and a team will be standing by to discern and share what God has said through you.

In this time you might like to **light a candle** to help create space that will help you **listen to God** and **reflect on what he is saying**. You also might like want to have **something to write with** to express those words, images, impressions, phrases that God is bringing to mind.



Head to
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to share what you've written.

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Ephesians 5:18-20

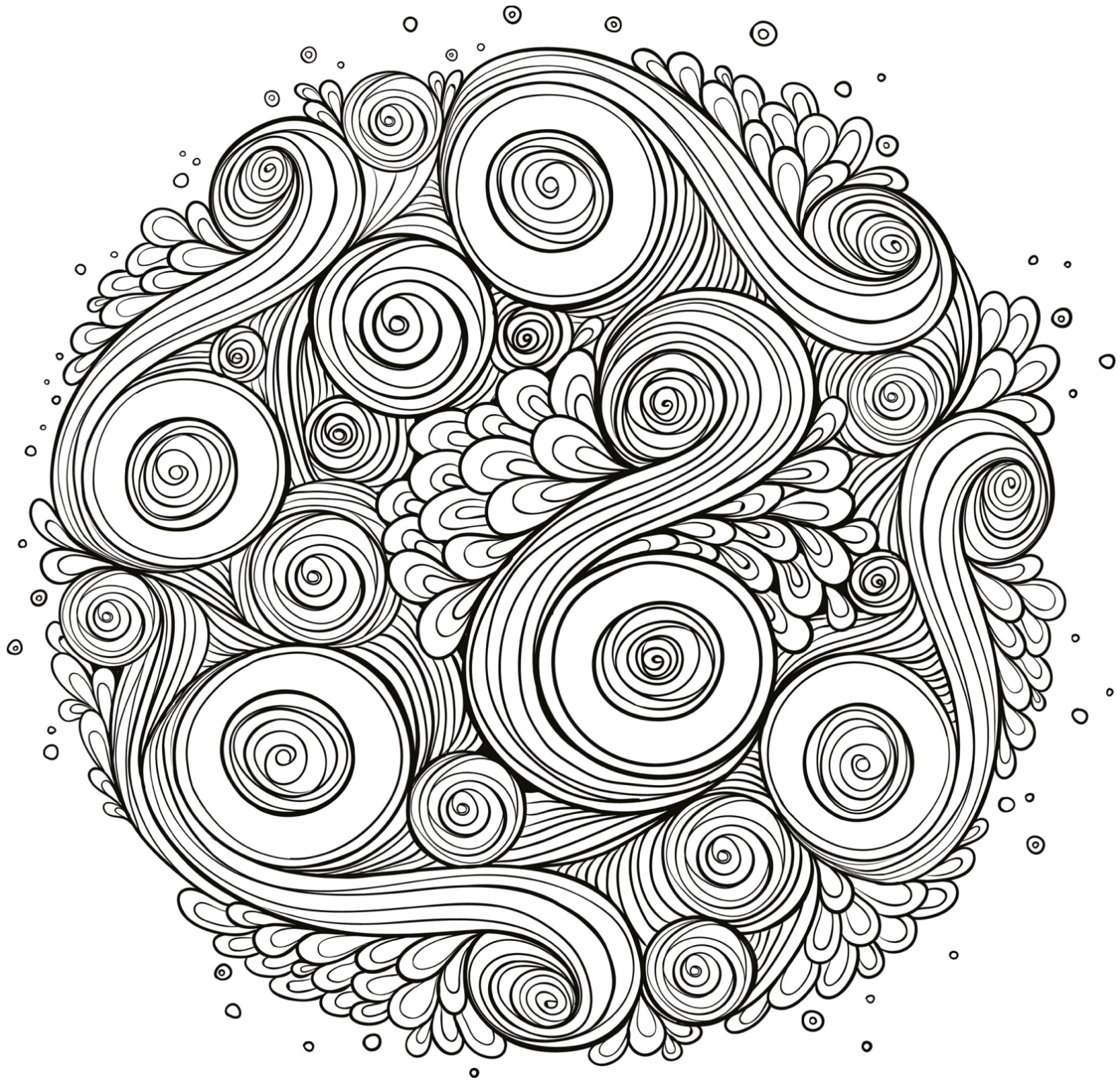
Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Engaging in an open, unstructured time of worship can be daunting, especially if it's an unfamiliar space to be in. Here are some practical things you can think about or try, if you're feeling unsure, confused, or uncomfortable.

1. **Change the position** you're in. If you're sitting, stand up. If you're standing, kneel down. Lie on your back. Stretch up to the ceiling. Take a deep breath.
2. **Close your eyes.** Direct your attention to what you can sense. The sensation of the air on your skin, the sounds that you hear, the smell of the room. Stretch your body out wide, and feel the fibres of your muscles extend.
3. **Pray.** Invite God to speak, and simply listen. Without generating thought on your own, just observe what stands out, from what is already in front of you, and around you.
4. **Notice any words** that you hear that you relate to. Say them out loud.
5. Try to **remember a word or phrase** that someone has said to you recently, that stood out. What might God want you to hear?
6. **Hum or sing** something you can hear someone else singing. Hum or sing something no one else is singing.
7. **Write down** what you can hear.
8. **Listen.**



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Open Time of Prayer & Sharing

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Here is a guide to help you posture yourself to hear from him.

1. Sit down and, keeping your back straight, begin quieting your mind and your body by taking a few relaxing, deep breaths.
2. Name any distractions and seek to put them aside. Notice the thoughts that pull you away, the things pressing on your mind.
3. Pray.
Lord I bring to you my distracting thoughts, and ask that you would take them away from me. Protect me from them, so that I can hear you clearly.
4. As we are lead through a series of prayers give space to let God speak to you through those moment of silence in between.

Lord, as we breathe in, fill our lungs with your Spirit. Abide in us. And as we breathe out, let us exhale the things that are not of You, so that we are only filled by You.

Lord as we breathe in, fill our bodies with your comfort. And as we breathe out, let us exhale the pain and tension, relax every muscle, knowing that you are in control.

Lord as we breathe in, grow in us a hunger for more of You. And as we breathe out, make us aware of Your presence.

Lord as we breathe in, silence our own voices, minds and thoughts. And as we breathe out, help us to grow still in the quiet.

Lord as we breathe in, speak words of truth to us. And as we breathe out, reveal yourself to us.

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