

FALL 2022

MESA

ORDINARY TIME



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
FLOWER MOUND, TX

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Together, we are
pursuing God, in the company of friends, for the sake of others

2nd and 4th Sundays (or weeknight)
Childcare is available on Sunday evenings at the YMCA

⇒ A 28 ⇒ S 11 ⇒ S 25 ⇒ O 9 ⇒ O 23 ⇒ N 13 ⇒ N 27 ⇒ D 11

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

Bible

Having a Bible with you each week will be helpful as your group considers the scripture study for the day.

2019 BCP or Daily Office 2019 App

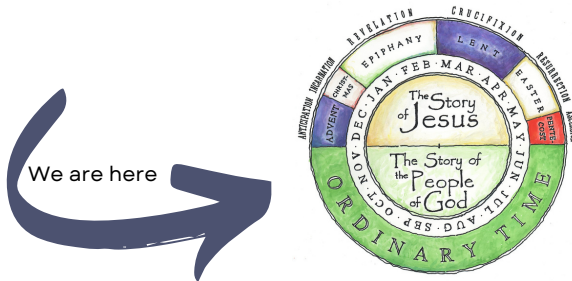
If you don't already have the Daily Office 2019 app on your phone or another device, you should do it right now. The app has a red icon with a cross (cover of the BCP). You'll find this to be an excellent guide through daily prayer.

This guide belongs to: _____



The Liturgical Year (This is a great little video:

<https://vimeo.com/79923336>)



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

(60 mins) **Meal and Fellowship** Three discussion options are available:
1) The table questions provided in the guide, 2) A Thousand Words (pg 4), 3) Free flow.

(15 mins) **Catechism: To Be A Christian** Part III Belonging to Christ: The Lord's Prayer and the Christian life.

(30 mins) **Engaging with Scripture** This section of your time together will be centered around the Scripture teaching of the week. (Fall 2022 – Lectionary Texts in the seasons of **Ordinary Time** and **Advent**.) This is not specifically a Bible study or a rehearsal of the sermon. Instead, this is an exercise where we engage with Scripture with three questions: What do I see? What do I hear? What do I do? Refer to page 5 each week as a guide.

(15 mins) **Family Early Evening Prayer** Prayer times for our Mesa gatherings are guided by the Family Early Evening Prayer from the Daily Office. (BCP 2019 pp 71-72) and this guide pp 7-9).

A Thousand Words

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Which image below best articulates either: 1) the story of your week, 2) the status of your soul, or 3) your walk with God. And why? Or, perhaps you'd like to bring your own picture next week.



Engaging with Scripture

What do we see?

Pray

- Ask the Holy Spirit to re-inspire truth into your heart and glorify Jesus through what you learn and how you obey.

Read

- What do you notice?

Note repeated phrases, attributes of God, a listing of points in a row, words you don't understand, transition words, other.

- What does it mean? Who, what, where, when of the Story?

What do we hear?

Pray / Listen / Read again

- Talk with God. Ask Him...
- What do you hear God saying: about Himself, about you?
- How is this Scripture reading you/us?
- What does the passage teach us about God and His Story?

What do we do?

Act

- What is God inviting us to change?
- Are there words or phrases we can pray throughout the day?
- Are there behaviors the Spirit is prompting me to stop...or start?
- What should we do in response to what God has said?

WEEK OF AUGUST 28

The Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect, and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

TABLE QUESTIONS or 1000 WORDS (pg 4)

1. Tell us about you and your family.
2. What room in your home best reflects your personality? Why?
3. What was the best part about your summer?

GETTING STARTED

Review pages 2-3 together

ENGAGING WITH SCRIPTURE (see pg 5)

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

FAMILY EARLY EVENING PRAYER

OPENING SENTENCE

How excellent is your mercy, O God!

The children of men shall take refuge under the shadow
of your wings.

For with you is the well of life,
and in your light shall we see light.

PSALM 36:7, 9

PHOS HILARON

O Gladsome Light

O gladsome light,

pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,*

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light,*

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,*

O Son of God, O Giver of Life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-6

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said,
"Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts, to give
the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus
Christ.

A period of silence may follow.



INTERCESSIONS

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day and penitence for our sins be included.

Aug 28

Oct 23

Sept 11

Nov 13

Sept 25

Nov 27

Oct 9

Dec 11

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11

The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TABLE QUESTIONS or A THOUSAND WORDS (pg 4)

1. What is the most unusual thing you have ever eaten?
2. Do you prefer to get something started or finish it?
3. What adventure is on your bucket list?

CATECHISM CONVERSATIONS (see introductory material pg. 64 of the Catechism Book)

154. What is prayer? Prayer is turning my heart toward God, to listen and to speak with him. (**Psalms 84; 123; Matthew 7:7–11; John 17:1–9**)

155. What should you seek in prayer? In prayer, I should seek not only God's provision for my needs, but fellowship with God, who made me for fellowship with himself. (Exodus 33:7–11; **Psalms 27:4, 8; 42:1–2; John 14:18–23**; 1 John 1:3)

158. What should you pray? I should pray the Lord's Prayer, the Psalms, the collected prayers of the Church, and my own prayers as the Spirit leads me. (1 Samuel 2:1–10; **Psalms 2; 62:8; Luke 1:46–55; 2:25–35; Acts 4:24–30; Romans 8:26–27; Revelation 4:8–11**)

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FAMILY EVENING PRAYER (see pp 7-9)

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

TABLE QUESTIONS or A THOUSAND WORDS (pg 4)

1. When was the last time you used cash?
2. What was the make and model of your first car?
3. Which word best describes you? dreamer, curator, motivator, finisher

CATECHISM CONVERSATIONS

161. Why should you learn the Lord's Prayer? I should learn the Lord's Prayer because Jesus taught it to his disciples as both a practice and a pattern for prayer to God the Father. (Matthew 6:5–8; **Luke 11:1, 5–13**)

162. Why should you practice the Lord's Prayer? I should pray the Lord's Prayer regularly because it teaches me to pray as Jesus commanded and to desire what his Father wills. (**Psalms 34**; Matthew 12:46–50; 26:36–44; **1 John 5:14–15**)

163. How is the Lord's Prayer a pattern for prayer? The Lord's Prayer models the primary types of prayer: praise of God, intercession for his rule, petition for his provision and protection, and confession of sins. I should pray regularly in all these ways. (**Psalms 150**; **Isaiah 63:7–64:12**; Acts 9:36–43; 3 John 2)

ENGAGING WITH SCRIPTURE (see pg 5)

Luke 16:19-31

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FAMILY EVENING PRAYER (see pp 7-9)

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WEEK OF OCTOBER 9

The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

TABLE QUESTIONS or A THOUSAND WORDS (pg 4)

1. Are you a rule keeper or a rule breaker? How do you know?
2. Are you task or people-oriented?
3. What time of day do you feel your best?

CATECHISM CONVERSATIONS

165. Why do we call God “Father”? We call God “Father” because Jesus teaches his disciples that we are God’s children and should call God “our Father.” (Exodus 4:22; Psalm 73:15; **Isaiah 43:6**; **Matthew 23:8–9**; 2 Corinthians 6:18; see questions 39–40)

166. Who are God’s children? All who come to God through faith and Baptism in Christ are adopted as children of God the Father. (Deuteronomy 32:1–6; Isaiah 30:1; **John 1:12–13**; **Romans 8:14–16**; **1 John 3:1–3**)

167. Why does Jesus teach us to pray “our” Father? Jesus teaches us always to understand ourselves not only as individuals but as members of God’s family of believers, and to pray accordingly. (**Psalm 147**; **Romans 8:14–19**; **1 Peter 1:17**)

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FAMILY EVENING PRAYER (see pp 7-9)

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WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

TABLE QUESTIONS or A THOUSAND WORDS (pg 4)

1. What is your favorite ice cream? Brand?
2. Are you a traveler or a homebody?
3. One thing you would rather pay someone to do than do it yourself?

CATECHISM CONVERSATIONS

169. How is God unlike earthly fathers? Unlike our natural fathers, our heavenly Father loves us perfectly, is almighty in his care, makes no errors in judgment, and disciplines us only for our good. (1 Samuel 2:12–17, 22–36; **Psalms 145:8–21; Luke 11:11–13; 15:11–32; Hebrews 12:9–11**)

170. What is heaven? Heaven is the realm of God’s presence, power, and glory, which exists invisibly alongside this visible realm, and from which God hears the prayers of his children. (1 Kings 8:27–30; **Psalms 11:4; Isaiah 66:1; Matthew 18:10; John 3:31; Ephesians 4:10; Hebrews 9:24; Revelation 21:1–2**)

171. How does your Father in heaven help you here on earth? Because God is in all places and knows all things, he hears and answers my prayers, directs my paths, and strengthens me in times of trouble. (2 Samuel 22; **Psalms 23; 46; Matthew 6:6–8, 25–34; 7:9–11; James 1:5**)

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FAMILY EVENING PRAYER (see pp 7-9)

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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13

The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

TABLE QUESTIONS or 1000 WORDS (pg 4)

1. What city do you enjoy visiting?
2. When guests come to town where do you like to take them?
3. What is your favorite Mexican restaurant?

CATECHISM CONVERSATIONS "THE FIRST PETITION"

173. What is God's Name? God's Name reveals who he is—his nature, his character, his power, and his purposes. The Name God reveals to Moses is "I am who I am" or simply "I am" (Exodus 3:6, 14). This Name means that he alone is truly God, he is the source of his own Being, he is holy and just, and he cannot be defined by his creatures. (**Exodus 3:6, 14; 15:11; Psalm 99; Isaiah 5:16; 42:8; 47:4; John 8:58; Revelation 1:8**)

174. What are some other names for God given in Scripture?

Throughout the Scriptures, God is known as "Lord." Through the Person and ministry of Jesus Christ, God is also revealed to be one God in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (**Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:24**)

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YEAR A

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ADVENT

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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27 (YEAR A BEGINS)

The First Sunday of Advent

TABLE QUESTIONS or A THOUSAND WORDS (pg 4)

1. What percentage of Christmas shopping have you completed?
2. How many times have you moved since the age of 25?
3. What is something about you no one knows?

ADVENT #1

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

The Third Sunday of Advent

TABLE QUESTIONS or A THOUSAND WORDS (pg 4)

1. Name one Christmas gift you received last year?
2. Do you prefer to shop online or in person?
3. Are the holidays stressful or relaxing for you?

ADVENT #3

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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FAMILY EVENING PRAYER (see pp 7-8)

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