

A Study of the Divine Service
Worship: What It Is & Why We Do It

Handout

The Peace

John 20:19-21 – The risen Lord appears to His disciples

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

John 20:26 – Jesus appears to His disciples again

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

Luke 24:36 – Jesus appears to two disciples traveling to Emmaus

³⁶ Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

John 16:33 – Peace is found in Jesus

³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Philippians 4:7 – The peace of God guards us

⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Acts 10:36 – Peace through Jesus

³⁶ The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—

Romans 5:1 – Peace with God through faith

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Matthew 5:23-24 – Jesus says be reconciled before worship

²³ Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Ephesians 2:13-14 – Jesus is our peace

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

The Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei is Latin. In English it means “Lamb of God.” We sing this song immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion. The text of the Agnus Dei is as follows:

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

Isaiah 53:7 – Jesus, a Lamb led to the slaughter

⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,

1 Corinthians 5:7 – Christ, our Passover Lamb

⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

1 Peter 1:18-19 – Christ, a Lamb without blemish

¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Revelation 5:11-14 – The Lamb who was slain receives worship

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped [□]Him who lives forever and ever.

12. The Communion Distribution

Matthew 26:26-28 – The Lord’s Supper

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” ²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 20:26-28 – Jesus Came to Serve

²⁶ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. ²⁷ And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

The Post-Communion Cantic

The Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:25-35 – Simeon held the Christ Child, Our Salvation

²⁵ And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

²⁹ "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹ which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³² a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

Thank the Lord

Psalms 105:1-6 – Give Thanks to the LORD for His wonderful works

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! ² Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works! ³ Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord! ⁴ Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore! ⁵ Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, ⁶ O seed of Abraham His servant, you children of Jacob, His chosen ones!