

# CLOSING WORSHIP

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Youth and Young Adult led worship – EOORC Meeting



“Day After Day”  
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# CALL TO WORSHIP

One: *The Spirit of God is upon us.*

**All: WE ARE CALLED TO BE  
GOD'S PEOPLE.**

One: *The Spirit of God is upon us.*

**All: WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE  
BODY OF CHRIST.**

One: *Come let us worship God, who binds us  
together in love and service.*

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# GATHERING PRAYER

Bountiful God, You gather us together in worship like a rake gathers leaves into a pile. Heaped high, collected by your loving hands and connected with a purpose. You have blessed us with gifts and passion for your people. Help us offer these gifts to one another humbly and grow together our passion for justice and peace. AMEN



# MESSAGE

Listen as we hear Luke 4:14-30  
as read by youth and young  
adults from our Region.

There will be a time for  
meditation after each reading.





# Ministère de Jésus en Galilée

Jésus, rempli de la puissance de l'Esprit, retourna en Galilée. Sa réputation se répandit dans toute la région. Il enseignait dans les synagogues et tous faisaient son éloge. Il se rendit aussi à Nazareth, où il avait été élevé, et il entra dans la synagogue le jour du sabbat, comme il en avait l'habitude. Il se leva pour faire la lecture biblique, et on lui présenta le rouleau du prophète Esaïe. En déroulant le parchemin, il trouva le passage où il est écrit :



**L'Esprit du Seigneur est sur moi  
car il m'a oint pour annoncer une bonne nouvelle aux pauvres. Il m'a envoyé | pour  
annoncer aux captifs la délivrance,  
aux aveugles le recouvrement de la vue,  
pour apporter la liberté aux opprimés  
et proclamer une année de faveur accordée par le Seigneur.**

Il roula le livre, le rendit au servant et s'assit. Dans la synagogue, tous les yeux étaient braqués sur lui.

– Aujourd'hui même, commença-t-il, pour vous qui l'entendez, cette prophétie de l'Ecriture est devenue réalité.



Aucun de ses auditeurs ne restait indifférent : les paroles de grâce qu'il prononçait les étonnaient beaucoup. Aussi disaient-ils : N'est-il pas le fils de Joseph ?

Alors il leur dit : Vous ne manquerez pas de m'appliquer ce dicton : « Médecin, guéris-toi toi-même » et vous me direz : « On nous a parlé de ce que tu as accompli à Capernaüm. Fais-en donc autant ici, dans ta propre ville !

» Et il ajouta : Vraiment, je vous l'assure : aucun prophète n'est bien accueilli dans sa patrie. Voici la vérité, je vous le déclare : il y avait beaucoup de veuves en Israël à l'époque d'Elie, quand, pendant trois ans et demi, il n'y a pas eu de pluie et qu'une grande famine a sévi dans tout le pays. Or, Elie n'a été envoyé vers aucune d'entre elles, **mais vers une veuve qui vivait à Sarepta, dans le pays de Sidon.**





Il y avait aussi beaucoup de lépreux en Israël au temps du prophète Elisée. Et pourtant, aucun d'eux n'a été guéri. C'est le Syrien Naaman qui l'a été. En entendant ces paroles, tous ceux qui étaient dans la synagogue se mirent en colère. Ils se levèrent, firent sortir Jésus de la ville, et le menèrent jusqu'au sommet de la montagne sur laquelle elle était bâtie, afin de le précipiter dans le vide. Mais il passa au milieu d'eux et s'en alla.



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# To Set the Burdened Free

Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit. News that he was back spread through the countryside. He taught in their meeting places to everyone's acclaim and pleasure.

He came to Nazareth where he had been reared. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,



God's Spirit is on me;

he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,  
Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and  
recovery of sight to the blind,

To set the burdened and battered free,  
to announce, "This is God's year to act!"

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."

All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son, the one we've known since he was a youngster?"





He answered, “I suppose you’re going to quote the proverb, ‘Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.’ Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. Isn’t it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian.”

That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.





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# To Release Those Who Have Been Crushed

Yeshua returned to the Galil in the power of the Spirit, and reports about him spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone respected him.

Now when he went to Natzeret, where he had been brought up, on *Shabbat* he went to the synagogue as usual. He stood up to read, and he was given the scroll of the prophet Yesha'yahu. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,



**“The Spirit of *ADONAI* is upon me;  
therefore he has anointed me  
to announce Good News to the poor;  
he has sent me to proclaim freedom for the imprisoned  
and renewed sight for the blind,  
to release those who have been crushed,  
to proclaim a year of the favor of *ADONAI*.”**

After closing the scroll and returning it to the *shammash*, he sat down; and the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him. He started to speak to them: “Today, as you heard it read, this passage of the *Tanakh* was fulfilled!” Everyone was speaking well of him and marvelling that such appealing words were coming from his mouth. They were even asking, “Can this be Yosef’s son?”



Then Yeshua said to them, “No doubt you will quote to me this proverb — “‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ We’ve heard about all the things that have been going on over in K’far-Nachum; now do them here in your home town!’ Yes!” he said, “I tell you that no prophet is accepted in his home town. It’s true, I’m telling you — when Eliyahu was in Isra’el, and the sky was sealed off for three-and-a-half years, so that all the Land suffered a severe famine, there were many widows; but Eliyahu was sent to none of them, only to a widow in Tzarfat in the land of Tzidon. Also there were many people with tzara‘at in Isra’el during the time of the prophet Elisha; but not one of them was healed, only Na‘aman the Syrian.”



On hearing this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of town and dragged him to the edge of the cliff on which their town was built, intending to throw him off. But he walked right through the middle of the crowd and went away.





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# To Release Those Who Have Been Crushed

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit, and soon people across the region had heard news of Him. He would regularly go into their synagogues and teach. His teaching earned Him the respect and admiration of everyone who heard Him.

He eventually came to His hometown, Nazareth, and did there what He had done elsewhere *in Galilee*—entered the synagogue and stood up to read *from the Hebrew Scriptures*.

The *synagogue attendant* gave Him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, and Jesus unrolled it to the place where Isaiah had written these words:



The Spirit of the Lord the Eternal One is on Me.

Why? Because the Eternal designated Me to be His representative to the poor, to preach good news to them. He sent Me to tell those who are held captive that they can now be set free, and to tell the blind that they can now see.

He sent Me to liberate those held down by oppression. In short, the Spirit is upon Me to proclaim that now is the time; this is the jubilee season of the Eternal One's grace.

Jesus rolled up the scroll and returned it to the synagogue attendant. Then He sat down, as a teacher would do, and all in the synagogue focused their attention on Jesus, waiting for Him to speak. He told them that these words from the Hebrew Scriptures were being fulfilled then and there, in their hearing.



At first everyone was deeply impressed with the gracious words that poured from Jesus' lips. Everyone spoke well of Him and was amazed that He could say these things. Wait. This is only the son of Joseph, right? You're about to quote the old proverb to Me, "Doctor, heal yourself!" Then you're going to ask Me to prove Myself to you by doing the same miracles I did in Capernaum. But face the truth: hometowns always reject their homegrown prophets.

Think back to the prophet Elijah. There were many needy Jewish widows in his homeland, Israel, when a terrible famine persisted there for three and a half years. Yet the only widow God sent Elijah to help was an outsider from Zarephath in Sidon.





It was the same with the prophet Elisha. There were many Jewish lepers in his homeland, but the only one he healed—Naaman—was an outsider from Syria.

The people in the synagogue became furious when He said these things. They seized Jesus, took Him to the edge of town, and pushed Him right to the edge of the cliff on which the city was built. They would have pushed Him off and killed Him, but He passed through the crowd and went on His way.





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# His Own Village Rejects Him

The power of Spirit was now resting on Creator Sets Free (Jesus), so he returned to the territory of Circle of Nations (Galilee). News about him began to spread like wildfire throughout the villages, for he was teaching in their gathering houses, and the people give him much honour.

*In the Law, given by Drawn From The Water (Moses), all the tribes were instructed to keep a Day of Resting called the Sabbath. This was the seventh day of the week, to honour and remember the time when Creator rested on the seventh day after making all things. On that day no work was to be done, and how far one could walk was limited. The tribal people would meet together at their village gathering houses on this day.*



On one of these Days of Resting, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) returned to his boyhood home in Seed Planter Village (Nazareth). As was his tradition, he entered the gathering house, and stood up to read from the ancient Sacred Teachings. The headman handed him the scroll with the words from the prophet Creator Will Help Us (Isaiah). He opened the Scroll and began to read.

*He spoke with deep respect in his voice as he held the Scroll in a sacred manner. His words were strong and clear and his eyes were bright and full of life as he read.*

“The Spirit of Creator has come to rest upon me. He has chosen me to tell the Good Story to the ones who are poor. He has sent me to mend broken hearts, to tell prisoners they have been set free, to make the blind see again, and to lift up the ones who have been pushed down – to make it known that Creator’s Year of Setting Free has come at last!



He rolled up the scroll, returned it to the headman and sat down. All eyes were fixed on him, wondering what he would say.

*He looked around at them and spoke clearly with a strong voice,*

“Today these words you have heard have found their full meaning.”

*Then he began to teach and share his wisdom with them. At first they were amazed at the power and beauty of his words. But soon the meaning of his words sank into their hearts, and the mood of the people began to change.*

“Isn’t this the son of *Bitter Tears (Mary)* and *He Gives Sons (Joseph)*, the wood carver?”





So he said to them, “I am sure you will tell me this wise saying, “Healer, use your medicine on yourself. And you say, “We will want to see you do here in your own village the powerful signs you did in Village of Comfort (Capernaum). But the truth is, a prophet is given much honour except in his own village, among his own clan, and in his own house.”

Those who were listening continued to grumble out loud, shaking their heads and rolling their eyes.





“I speak from my heart,” he said to them. “There were many widows in the land of Wrestles With Creator (Israel) during the days of the prophet Great Spirit Is Creator (Elijah). It was a time of great hunger, and food was hard to find. It had not rained for more than three winters. But Great Is Creator (Elijah) was not sent to any of these widows; instead he was sent to Refining Fire Woman (Zarephath), a widow in the territory of Hunting Grounds (Sidon), an Outside nation. And there were many with a skin disease in the days of the prophet Creator Saves Us (Elisha), but none were healed and cleansed except for Looks Handsome (Naaman), an outsider from Bright Sun (Syria), the head soldier of the enemy’s army.”

The people in the gathering house were insulted and furious at his words. Together they herded him out to the village hillside to throw him off the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and went on his way.



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# CLOSING PRAYER

Gracious God, Now is a time of change, not only in our seasons but in our hearts. The leaves transform from green to gold, fall from the branches and return to the earth, so to do we. Let strength come in our courage to transform. Let wisdom come as we are heaped and piled together. And let Joy come, like a child who shrieks and laughs when jumping into the leaves.  
Hear us, Lead us, Guide Us, Always AMEN.



**“PEACE BE WITH YOU”**  
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GO IN PEACE

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