

# MICRO WORSHIP GATHERING

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## Call to Worship (from Psalm 32)

When we kept silent,  
holding our transgression within  
**We felt the heavy burden of guilt,  
carrying the weight in our bodies and in our souls**  
Then acknowledging our sin,  
we brought our iniquity into the light of your presence  
**And you forgave the guilt of our sin  
welcoming us home with open arms**  
Be glad and rejoice, you who know the mercy of God,  
**Let us shout for joy with glad cries of deliverance. Amen!**

## Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see  
  
'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
  
Through many dangers,  
toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me  
safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home*

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures  
  
When we've been there  
ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to  
sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun*

## Prayer & 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. Amen.

## Reading – *Luke 15:1-3, 11-24*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable...

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

## Reflection on Scripture

### Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Benediction (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, MSG)

May the Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, and enliven your speech. Amen.