

Simplified Order of Worship for Pre-K for Pentecost – Year A, 2023

See suggestions for leading devotions for young children in **Heart Imprints introduction**

INVOCATION

Ring the Bell:

Ring a bell or ask a child to ring the bell. Share with the children that the bell reminds us that it's time to begin worship and that now is a time to listen to learn about Jesus.

Light a Candle:

As you do, share with the children that we light the candle to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Leader: We begin in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

(Leader makes the sign of the cross. The leader can explain that the sign of the cross reminds us of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and of Jesus' cross.) The children will likely make the sign along with the leader and that's OK.)

Children: Amen

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 73

(CW1993, p. 94; Note: other psalm texts may be paired with the same refrain for the sake of variety or matching the occasion's theme.)

Children: *(sing refrain)* **Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

Leader: I am always with you, O LORD; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

Children: *(sing refrain)* **Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

Leader: Whom have I in heaven by you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

Children: *(sing refrain)* **Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

Leader: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Children: *(sing refrain)* **Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

MESSAGE PRAYER

HYMN/ SONG

(Suggested hymn in the devotion or another hymn of choice.)

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him! (Romans 15:13a)

Children: Amen



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A worship resource for children
in the congregation, school,
or early childhood ministry