

Welcome
to Calvary

Worship Guide for the week of

October 27, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

**GOD CALLS US TO
WORSHIP HIM**

Call to Worship

“O Worship the King”

Verse 1:

O worship the King
All glorious above
And gratefully sing
His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender
The Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor
And girded with praise

Verse 2:

O tell of His might
O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light
Whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path
On the wings of the storm

Verse 3:

Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite
It breathes in the air
It shines in the light
It streams from the hills
It descends to the plain
And sweetly distills
In the dew and the rain

Verse 4:

Frail children of dust
And feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust
Nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender
How firm to the end
Our Maker Defender
Redeemer and Friend

“Come Thou Fount”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

Hymn 15

Requested by Rachel Brueske

Verse 1:

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name I'm fixed upon it
Name of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2:

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know
Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3:

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Verse 4:

Oh that day
When freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come my Lord no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

**GOD GRACIOUSLY
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Almighty God and heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour we have sinned against Your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called Your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked You to anger. In Your mercy and for the sake of Your glory, we ask You to receive us into Your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

[John Oecolampadius]

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not practice the truth, but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son has cleansed us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[1 John 1:6–9]

**“Before the Throne of God
Above”**

Verse 1:

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest
Whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while
In heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2:

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because a sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me

Chorus:

Hallelujah Hallelujah
Praise the One risen Son of God

Verse 3:

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One in Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God

THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

All: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord helps and delivers them because they take refuge in Him.

[*Psalm 37:39–40*]

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

[*Hymn of Affirmation*]

Verse 1:

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart
From His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus:

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2:

What truth can calm
The troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace
And goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves
That bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Verse 3:

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of October 27

Read: Exodus 40:34–38

Reflect on these questions and discuss them with your family:

Understanding the passage

- How would you describe the basic message of this passage to someone else?
- Why do you think this passage was written? What did the author hope to accomplish in the minds and hearts of the readers?

Sing this Hymn: “Come Thou Fount”

You can find the music here: bit.ly/ctfoeb

Pray

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

[from *The Book of Common Prayer*]

GOD FEEDS US THROUGH HIS SUPPER

Breaking the Bread

Worship Leader: For while we were still helpless, at the appointed moment, Christ died for the ungodly. For rarely will someone die for a just person though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die.

Congregation: But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Taking the Cup

Worship Leader: Much more then, since we have now been declared righteous by His blood, we will be saved through Him from wrath.

Congregation: For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life.

All: And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

[*Romans 5:6–11*]

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

Worship Leader: God's fatherly favor and the especial witness of spiritual life are limited to His flock, so that it is always disastrous to leave the church. The Lord esteems the communion of the church so highly that He counts as a traitor and apostate from Christianity anyone who arrogantly leaves any Christian society. Go and love His church.
[John Calvin]

Why We Do What We Do in Worship

Call to Worship – Throughout the Scriptures we are called to worship God as the holy and good Creator of all things. Our worship service begins with a call to worship, which turns our attention from our everyday cares and concerns to the glory, love, and mercy of our God.

Confession of Sin – When we acknowledge the goodness, glory, and holiness of God, we are immediately confronted by our own sin and rebellion, which has separated us from Him. Confession should reflect our sorrow over our sins and our desire to be reconciled to God. We confess our sins to God trusting in his faithfulness to forgive us and cleanse us.

Forgiveness of Sin – When we trust in Jesus' death for us and we come to God with genuine sorrow for our sin, God graciously and lovingly forgives us for all our sin. And so we announce God's forgiveness to all who repent of their sin and trust in Jesus.

Thanking God for What He Has Done – Our natural response to the grace and kindness that God shows us in forgiving us is to thank Him. We thank God for forgiving us, blessing us, protecting us, and providing for us, and we express our thankfulness to God through prayers, singing, and giving.

God Instructs Us through His Word – God speaks to His people through the Scriptures. God's Word reveals to us who God is, what God is like, and what His will for us is. Each component of Calvary's worship service is guided by Scripture. We read Scripture, pray Scripture, and sing Scripture, but we also set aside time during the service to be taught how Scripture personally applies to our own lives.

God Feeds Us through His Supper – Each week we celebrate the Lord's Supper as the capstone of our worship service. The Lord's Supper is a tangible reminder of the Gospel and of the promise that God has made to us—the promise that He has forgiven us and cleansed us and put His Spirit within us. The bread and the cup remind us of Jesus' life and death presented as an offering to God for our sakes. When we all share this Supper together, we remember that we are all part of one family—children of God and brothers and sisters of one another.

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out – Our worship service closes with a blessing from God through which He sends us out into the world to share His love and mercy with others and to live out the truths that we have learned and celebrated during the worship service.

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