

*Welcome
to Calvary*

Worship Guide for the week of

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Call to Worship

Worship Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

Verse 1:

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly
Anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as
Thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Verse 2:

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Verse 3:

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Those wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never never fail
Throughout eternity

Verse 4:

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole
That wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

GOD GRACIOUSLY RENEWS US IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin

“Lord I Need You”

Verse 1:

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one
That guides my heart

Chorus:

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2:

Where sin runs deep
Your grace is more
Where grace is found
Is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge:

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone. The Son was neither made nor created; He was begotten from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; He proceeds from the Father and the Son. Accordingly, there is one Father, not three fathers; there

is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. None in this Trinity is before or after, none is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other. So in everything, as was said earlier, the unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in unity, is to be worshiped. Anyone then who desires to be saved should think about the Trinity.

[*Athanasian Creed, Part 2*]

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

[*Hymn of Assurance*]

Verse 1:

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter
Would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2:

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Verse 3:

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

**THANKING GOD FOR WHAT
HE HAS DONE**

Worship Leader: Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is
now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

**Giving Our Tithes
and Offerings**

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

[Hymn of Epiphany]

Verse 1:

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward beaming bright
So most gracious Lord may we
Evermore be led to Thee

Verse 2:

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heav’n and earth adore
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat

Verse 3:

As their precious gifts they laid
At Thy manger roughly made
So may we with holy joy
Pure and free from sin’s alloy
All our costliest treasures bring
Christ to Thee our heav’nly King

Verse 4:

Holy Jesu ev’ry day
Keep us in the narrow way
And when earthly things are past
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide
Where no clouds Thy glory hide

Verse 5:

In the heav’nly country bright
Need they no created light
Thou its light its joy its crown
Thou its sun which goes not down
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our King

GOD INSTRUCTS US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture: Exodus 1:1–2:10

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “When God Is Silent (Sort Of)”

Dr. Brian Albert

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Below are some steps to take that may help you prepare for worship.

1. Consider how many weeks recently you have been at church to hear the sermon. Make a note of the different reasons why you were not in attendance. Take steps to make sure you are in attendance regularly to hear the sermon and fellowship with the family of God.
2. Be aware of others in your church as you listen to the sermon and use the message to minister to them. One practical suggestion is to take a fellow believer out to lunch immediately after the worship service and ask how we should respond to the message individually and how the message should shape us as a church.
3. Pray often for the work of God’s spirit to shape both you as an individual and your church as a body of Christians together.

SERMON NOTES

1. When God is silent, look what human beings are capable of doing.
2. When God is silent, remember everything is right in the universe.
3. When God is silent, remember everything is planned.
4. When God is silent, remember everything will turn out well.
5. When God is silent, remember God is closer than you think and working in unlikely places.

Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of January 22

Read: Exodus 1:1–2:10

Reflect on these questions and discuss them with your family:

1. Why isn't Pharaoh grateful for all that Joseph did to save Egypt during the famine?
2. Why does Pharaoh want to kill all the baby boys?
3. Why don't the Hebrew midwives follow Pharaoh's command to kill the baby boys?
4. What happens to Moses in the river?
5. Who takes care of baby Moses in the end, and why is this significant?
6. How did Stephen use the time in Egypt to connect to God's promises to Abraham? How was that connection significant to redemptive history? (Acts 7:2–20)
7. Read Isaiah 7:10–14. How does Jesus being "God with us" help when we feel "God is silent"?

Sing this Hymn: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

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

History: William Dix wrote this on Epiphany Sunday (January 6) while sick in bed. There are numerous references to both Old and New Testament passages regarding Christ being the light to the Gentiles throughout this hymn. As another point of interest, this hymn, within the stanzas, also references two other hymns: "My God, My Father While I Stray" and "O Heavenly Jerusalem."

Pray

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; 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

and

Taking the Cup

“The Wonderful Cross”

[*Communion Hymn*]

Verse 1:

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt
On all my pride

Verse 2:

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things
That charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

Chorus:

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Verse 3:

See from His head
His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled
down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Verse 4:

Were the whole realm
Of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

**GOD BLESSES US
AND SENDS US OUT**

Worship Leader: Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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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