

Welcome to Calvary

Worship Guide for the week of

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Call to Worship

Worship Leader: God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord. [“Last Things”; Article X of *The Baptist Faith and Message*]

“Rejoice the Lord Is King”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

Hymn 197

Verse 1:

Rejoice the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Mortals give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore

Chorus:

Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Verse 2:

Jesus the Savior reigns
The God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above

Verse 3:

His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o’er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given

Verse 4:

Rejoice in glorious hope
Jesus the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home

**GOD GRACIOUSLY
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Heavenly Father...

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Worship Leader: Lord Jesus...

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Worship Leader: Holy Spirit...

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Worship Leader: Forgive us from our sin...

Congregation: From our errors...

Worship Leader: From all evil.

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

[*Romans 8:1*]

“O Praise the Name”

[*Hymn of Assurance*]

Verse 1:

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled
And died for me
I see His wounds
His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

Verse 2:

His body bound
And drenched in tears
They laid Him down
In Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed
By heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus:

O praise the Name
Of the Lord our God
O praise His Name
Forevermore
For endless days
We will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3:

Then on the third
At break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death
Where is your sting
The angels roar
For Christ the King

Verse 4:

He shall return
In robes of white
The blazing sun
Shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed
On Jesus' face

THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

Worship Leader: May God be
gracious to us and bless us and
make His face to shine upon us,
that Your way may be known on
earth, Your saving power among all
nations. Let the peoples praise You
O God; let all the peoples praise
You! Let the nations be glad and
sing for joy, for You judge the
peoples with equity and guide the
nations upon earth. Let the peoples
praise You, O God; let all the
peoples praise You! The earth has
yielded its increase; God, our God,
shall bless us. God shall bless us; let
all the ends of the earth fear Him!
[*Psalm 67*]

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

[*Hymn of Thanksgiving*]

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 20:1–21

Silent Prayers of Petition

Sermon: “The Big Ten”

Dr. Brian Albert

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Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of January 28

Read: Exodus 20:1–21

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: “As with Gladness Men of Old”

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

Pray

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace; 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: Father, we thank You from the depths of our being for Your wonderful grace and love in sending Your son to bear our sin in His own body on the tree. May Your cross be to us as the tree that sweetens our bitter Marahs, as the rod that blossoms with life and beauty, as the golden snake that calls forth the look of faith. By Your cross crucify our every sin; use it to increase our walk with You; make it the ground of all our comfort, the energy of all our duties, the sum of all gospel promises, the comfort of all our afflictions, the vigor of our love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of our religion; and by it give us that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise.

Taking the Cup

Worship Leader: Lord and Savior, You have also appointed a cross for us to take up and carry, a cross before You give us a crown. You have appointed it to be our portion, but self-love hates it, carnal reason is unreconciled to it; without the grace of patience I cannot bear it, walk with it, profit by it. O blessed cross, what mercies do you bring with you! You are only esteemed

hateful by my rebel will, heavy because I shirk your load. Teach me, gracious Lord and Savior, that with my cross You send promised grace so that I may bear it patiently, that my cross is Your yoke which is easy, and Your burden which is light.

[“The Grace of the Cross” from
The Valley of Vision]

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

Worship Leader: Now dismiss Your servants, O Lord, in peace, according to Your word: For our eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people.

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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