

*Welcome
to Calvary*

Worship Guide for the week of

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Call to Worship

Worship Leader: The Lord our God,
the Lord is one. You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your
might. And these words that I
command you today shall be on your
heart. You shall teach them diligently
to your children, and shall talk of
them when you sit in your house, and
when you walk by the way, and when
you lie down, and when you rise. You
shall bind them as a sign on your
hand, and they shall be as frontlets
between your eyes. You shall write
them on the doorposts of your house
and on your gates.

[*Deuteronomy 6:4–9*]

“O Worship the King”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

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

**GOD GRACIOUSLY
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin

**“How Deep the Father’s Love
for Us ”**

[Hymn of Lent]

Verse 1:

How deep the Father’s love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar
The Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2:

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear
My mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath
Has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3:

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow’r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain
From His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: “For this is the
covenant that I will make with the

house of Israel after those days,”
declares the Lord: “I will put my law
within them, and I will write it on their
hearts. And I will be their God, and
they shall be my people. And no
longer shall each one teach his
neighbor and each his brother, saying,
‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all
know me, from the least of them to
the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I
will forgive their iniquity, and I will
remember their sin no more.”

[Jeremiah 31:33–34]

**“Come Behold the Wondrous
Mystery ”**

Verse 1:

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven’s praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2:

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff’ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Verse 3:

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4:

Come behold
The wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could
E'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

**THANKING GOD FOR WHAT
HE HAS DONE**

Worship Leader: Sing to the Lord a
new song; sing to the Lord, all the
earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His
name; proclaim His salvation day after
day.

[*Psalm 96:1-2*]

**Giving Our Tithes
and Offerings**

**“Yet Not I but Through Christ
in Me”**

Verse 1:

What gift of grace
Is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more
For heaven now to give
He is my joy
My righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love

My deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2:

The night is dark
But I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold
My Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3:

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure
The price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered
For my pardon
And he was raised
To overthrow the grave
To this I hold
My sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4:

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said
That he will bring me home
And day by day
I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

**GOD INSTRUCTS US
THROUGH HIS WORD**

Scripture: Exodus 4:24–31

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “An Angry God Who Keeps His Word”

Dr. Brian Albert

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

1. Admit God knows better than you.
2. Which parts of this week’s preached Bible passage challenge your beliefs or lifestyle?
3. Does the passage clearly teach these things?
4. Pray for the work of God’s spirit to enable you to submit to what the Bible clearly says and to help you to change.

NOTES

I never
knew: _____

I could change: _____

I could share: _____

I can pray: _____

Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of March 19

Read: Exodus 4:24–31

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: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

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

Pray

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us, and we in Him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

[from *The Book of Common Prayer*]

**GOD FEEDS US
THROUGH HIS SUPPER**

Breaking the Bread

and

Taking the Cup

Silent Reflection

**GOD BLESSES US
AND SENDS US OUT**

Encourage One Another

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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