

# Welcome to Calvary

Worship Guide for the week of

September 24, 2023

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

# GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

## Call to Worship

Worship Leader: 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.

Congregation: Yes, let the peoples  
praise You, O God; Let all the  
peoples praise You!

[*Psalm 67:3–5*]

# “Let the Nations Be Glad”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

## Verse 1:

Let the glory of the Lord  
Forever be our joy  
May redemption  
Be the theme of our song  
For by grace we have been saved  
And by grace we shall proclaim  
To the corners of the earth  
That Christ is come

## Chorus:

Let the nations be glad  
Let the people rejoice  
For salvation belongs to our God  
Let the whole earth be filled  
With the praises of the Lord  
For salvation belongs to our God  
Let the nations be glad

## Verse 2:

Through the ages gone before  
Through the trial and the sword  
Many saints and martyrs conquered  
Though they died  
Still we holding out the cross  
Crossing oceans suffering loss  
Shall endure all things  
To win the crown of life

## Verse 3:

As Your holy church goes forth  
In the Holy Spirit's power  
With the glories  
Of the gospel to proclaim  
Now we pray Your Kingdom come  
And we pray Your will be done  
For the honor  
And glory of Your name

**GOD GRACIOUSLY  
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

**Confession of Sin**

Worship Leader: Lord, You should  
depart from us because we are sinful.  
[adapted from *Luke 5:8*]

**Forgiveness of Sin**

Worship Leader: Lord, Your  
compassions yearn over me, Your  
heart hastens to my rescue, Your love  
endured my curse, Your mercy bore  
my deserved stripes. Let me walk  
humbly in the lowest depths of  
humiliation, bathed in Your blood,  
tender of conscience, triumphing  
gloriously as an heir of salvation.  
[portion of “The Precious Blood”  
from *The Valley of Vision*]

**“It Is Well with My Soul”**

[*Hymn of Assurance*]  
*Requested by Jeri Howell  
and Andy VandenHull*

Verse 1:

When peace like a river  
Attendeth my way  
When sorrows  
Like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot  
Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well it is well with my soul

Chorus:

It is well with my soul  
It is well it is well with my soul

Verse 2:

Tho’ Satan should buffet  
Tho’ trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded  
My helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood  
For my soul

Verse 3:

My sin O the bliss  
Of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross  
And I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord O my soul

Verse 4:

And Lord haste the day  
When the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled  
Back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well with my soul

# THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

Worship Leader: Whoever sows  
sparingly will also reap sparingly, and  
whoever sows bountifully will also  
reap bountifully.

[2 *Corinthians 9:6*]

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

## “Like a River Glorious”

[*Hymn of Thanksgiving*]

*Requested by Kaitlin McFadden*

### Verse 1:

Like a river glorious  
Is God’s perfect peace  
Over all victorious  
In its bright increase  
Perfect yet it floweth  
Fuller every day  
Perfect yet it growth  
Deeper all the way

### Chorus:

Stayed upon Jehovah  
Hearts are fully blest  
Finding as He promised  
Perfect peace and rest

### Verse 2:

Hidden in the hollow  
Of His blessed hand  
Never foe can follow  
Never traitor stand  
Not a surge of worry  
Not a shade of care  
Not a blast of hurry  
Touch the Spirit there

### Verse 3:

Every joy or trial  
Falleth from above  
Traced upon our dial  
By the sun of love  
We may trust Him fully  
All for us to do  
They who trust Him wholly  
Find Him wholly true

# GOD INSTRUCTS US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture: Exodus 12–13:16

*Pastoral Prayer*

## Sermon: “The God Who Saves”

## Part 5: Celebration

Dr. Brian Albert

## SERMON NOTES

**Purpose of Sermon:** To excite God's people by reminding them that in the Lord's Supper, we celebrate the presence of Jesus.

## Passover/Lord's Supper Theme in Today's Sermon: Celebration

- I. **Remember His presence.** In the Passover/Lord's Supper we celebrate the past. (12:16ff; 13:3–16)
- II. **Refresh in His presence.** In the Passover/Lord's Supper we celebrate the present. (12:16f; 13:3–16)
- III. **Rehearse for His presence.** In the Passover/Lord's Supper we celebrate the future.

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# Private and Family Worship

*For use during the week of September 24*

**Read:** Exodus 12–13:16

**Reflect** on these questions and discuss them with your family:

1. What parts of the Passover story point to Jesus?
2. In what ways can we celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday?

**Sing** this Hymn: "It Is Well with My Soul"

You can find the music here: [bit.ly/itiswellt4glyrics](https://bit.ly/itiswellt4glyrics)

**Pray**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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*

*and*

*Taking the Cup*

*Please ponder the following questions:*

1. Is your conformity to His image  
more distinctly visible to the eye,  
both of God and man?
2. Are you advancing in love and  
charity to all men?
3. Are you more full of the Holy  
Spirit, that you cannot only freely  
forgive from your heart the most  
unprovoked and aggravated  
injuries and insults, but you  
delight in pouring out fervent  
prayer on behalf of your bitterest  
enemy and are ready to minister to  
his temporal and eternal welfare?
4. Have you felt a warmer interest in  
the welfare of all who come under  
your influence?
5. Are you treading more closely in  
the steps of Him who went about  
doing good to the bodies and  
souls of men?

**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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