

*Welcome  
to Calvary*

Worship Guide for the week of

January 23, 2022

*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.

## “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

### Verse 1:

I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full  
At His command  
And all the stars obey

### Verse 2:

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food  
He formed the creatures  
With His word  
And then pronounced them good  
Lord how Thy wonders  
Are displayed  
Where'er I turn my eye  
If I survey the ground I tread  
Or gaze upon the sky

### Verse 3:

There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known  
And clouds arise and tempests blow  
By order from Thy throne  
While all that borrows  
Life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care  
And everywhere that we can be  
Thou God art present there

**GOD GRACIOUSLY  
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

**Confession of Sin**

Worship Leader: Though our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for Your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You. Yet You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by Your name; do not leave us.

[*Jeremiah 14:7, 9*]

**Forgiveness of Sin**

Worship Leader: Bless the Lord, our souls.

**Congregation:** And all that is within us, bless His holy name.

Worship Leader: Bless the Lord, our souls.

**Congregation:** And forget not all His benefits.

Worship Leader: He forgives all of our sins.

**Congregation:** He redeems our lives from the grave.

**All:** He crowns us with mercy and loving-kindness.

[*Psalms 103:1-4*]

**“Leaning on the Everlasting  
Arms”**

[*Hymn of Assurance*]

Verse 1:

What a fellowship what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness  
What a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus:

Leaning leaning  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 2:

O how sweet to walk  
In this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
O how bright the path  
Grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 3:

What have I to dread  
What have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace  
With my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

**THANKING GOD FOR WHAT  
HE HAS DONE**

**“Jesus Thank You”**

*[Hymn of Thanksgiving]*

Verse 1:

The myst'ry of the cross  
I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One  
Crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup  
Reserved for me

Chorus:

Your blood has washed  
Away my sin  
Jesus thank You  
The Father's wrath  
Completely satisfied  
Jesus thank You  
Once Your enemy  
Now seated at Your table  
Jesus thank You

Verse 2:

By Your perfect sacrifice  
I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made  
Your friend  
Pouring out the riches  
Of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness  
Know no end

Bridge:

Lover of my soul  
I want to live for You

**Giving Our Tithes  
and Offerings**

**“Joy has Dawned”**

*[Hymn of Epiphany]*

Verse 1:

Joy has dawned upon the world  
Promised from creation  
God's salvation now unfurled  
Hope for ev'ry nation  
Not with fanfares from above  
Not with scenes of glory  
But a humble gift of love  
Jesus born of Mary

Verse 2:

Sounds of wonder fill the sky  
With the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life  
Shelters in a stable  
Hands that set each star in place  
Shaped the earth in darkness  
Cling now to a mother's breast  
Vulnerable and helpless

Verse 3:

Shepherds bow before the Lamb  
Gazing at the glory  
Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophesy the story  
Gold a King is born today  
Incense God is with us  
Myrrh His death will make a way  
By His blood He'll win us

Verse 4:

Son of Adam Son of heaven  
Given as a ransom  
Reconciling God and man  
Christ our mighty Champion  
What a Savior what a Friend  
What a glorious mystery  
Once a babe in Bethlehem  
Now the Lord of history

# GOD INSTRUCTS US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture: Amos 2:6–16

*Pastoral Prayer*

**Sermon: “He Ain’t Preachin’; He’s Meddlin’”**

Pastor Brian Albert

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

1. Read the sermon passage or listen carefully when it is read.
2. What do you think is the main point of the passage? This may be signaled by the repetition of something important or a consistent theme.
3. Are there any surprises in the passage; things the Bible says that we would not expect it to say, or that it says in ways we would not expect it to say?
4. Who was the passage originally written or spoken to? Are we in the same situation as them?
5. Why do you think the Bible writer wrote this passage? What is the passage intended to achieve in its hearers?
6. Pray as Martin Luther used to pray: “Lord, teach me, teach me, teach me.”

## Sermon Outline

- I. God’s people have been unjust to the unfortunate, thus, they have rejected the Word of God they claim to believe.
  - A. The poor and needy (6–7) (Exodus 21–22; Leviticus 25; Deuteronomy 15)
  - B. Servants (7) (Exodus 21)
  - C. Debtors (8) (Exodus 22; Deuteronomy 24)
- II. By rejecting God’s Word, God’s people have rejected God’s sovereign rule in their lives.
  - A. God destroyed Israel’s enemies (9).
  - B. God redeemed and cared for Israel (10).
  - C. God gave Israel spiritual leaders (11).

# Private and Family Worship

*For use during the week of January 23*

**Read** this text: Amos 2:6–16

**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: “Joy has Dawned”

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

**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*

Worship Leader: For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

[*Romans 12:4–5*]

### *Taking the Cup*

Worship Leader: Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” But whoever is united with the Lord is one with Him in spirit. Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

[*1 Corinthians 6:15–17; 10:17*]

## GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

Worship Leader: May the One who makes the vapors ascend in clouds from earth’s remotest end, whose lightnings flash at His commands, who holds the tempest in His hands...

Congregation: Keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[*2 Peter 1:8*]

# 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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