

Worship Guide for the week of February 27, 2022 *Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Call to Worship

"To God be the Glory"

[Call to Worship Hymn] Verse 1: To God be the glory Great things He has done So loved He the world That He gave us His Son Who yielded His life An atonement for sin And opened the life gate That all may go in Chorus: Praise the Lord praise the Lord Let the earth hear His voice Praise the Lord praise the Lord Let the people rejoice O come to the Father Through Jesus the Son And give Him the glory Great things He has done Verse 2: O perfect redemption The purchase of blood To every believer The promise of God The vilest offender Who truly believes That moment from Jesus A pardon receives Verse 3: Great things He has taught us Great things He has done And great our rejoicing Through Jesus the Son But purer and higher And greater will be Our wonder our transport When Jesus we see

"Agnus Dei"

[Hymn of Adoration]

Verse 1: Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns Alleluia Chorus: (You are) Holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb You are holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

GOD GRACIOUSLY RENEWS US IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Father, You are good but we are vile, wretched, miserable, and blind. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our hearts to You. Break them, wound them, bend them, and shape them. Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it and flee from it. Amen. ["Yet I Sin" from *The Valley of Vision*]

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. The Lord has pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who await His gracious favor.

[Psalm 147:3, 6, 12]

"O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus"

[Hymn of Assurance]

Verse 1:

O the deep deep love of Jesus Vast unmeasured boundless free Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me Underneath me all around me Is the current of Thy love Leading onward leading homeward To my glorious rest above Verse 2: O the deep deep love of Jesus Spread His praise From shore to shore How He loveth ever loveth Changeth never nevermore How He watches O'er His loved ones Died to call them all His own How for them He intercedeth Watches over them from the throne Verse 3: O the deep deep love of Jesus Love of every love the best 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing 'Tis a haven sweet of rest O the deep deep love of Jesus 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me And it lifts me up to glory For it lifts me up to Thee

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

"All I Have is Christ"

[Hymn of Thanksgiving]

Verse 1: I once was lost in darkest night Yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still Verse 2: But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath Reserved for me Now all I know is grace Chorus: Hallelujah all I have is Christ Hallelujah Jesus is my life Verse 3: Now Lord I would be Yours alone And live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me O Father use my ransomed life In any way You choose And let my song forever be My only boast is You

GOD INSTRUCTS US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture: Amos 7-9

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: "Five Visions, Two Lessons, and One God"

Pastor Brian Albert

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

As a family, there are several ways you can prepare for corporate worship. Here are a few:

- 1. Pray for the pastor and those leading worship. One of the benefits of praying for worship leaders is that you get to know them.
- 2. Give your children a tour of the sanctuary (if you want, have a pastor give your family a tour), pointing out all the elements used for worship.
- 3. Teach your children to use a hymnbook, including how to find hymns, read stanzas from hymnbooks, read responsive readings, etc.
- 4. Learn popular hymns used in corporate worship.
- 5. Learn songs and responses regularly used in corporate worship (Doxology, Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Gloria Patri, etc.)

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Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of February 27

Read this text: Amos 7-9

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: "All I Have is Christ"

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

Pray

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of 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 Having, as we trust, been brought by Divine Grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with each other. We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will be slow to take offense and quick to reconcile. We will avoid gossip, false accusations and divisive words, knowing that they are destructive to Christian fellowship.

We will walk together in brotherly love, as become the members of a Christian church; exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together by worshipping with one another regularly, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

Taking the Cup

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. We will seek, by Divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life. We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. We will contribute cheerfully, generously and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen. [*Calvary's Church Covenant*]

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

<u>Worship Leader</u>: 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, forever and ever. Amen. [from *The Book of Common Prayer*]

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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