Welcome to Calvary

Worship Guide for the week of March 13, 2022

Second Sunday during Lent

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Call to Worship

Pastoral Call to Worship

"Immortal Invisible"

[Hymn of Adoration]

Verse 1:

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great Name we praise

Verse 2:

Unresting unhasting and silent as light Nor wanting nor wasting Thou rulest in might Thy justice like mountains High soaring above Thy clouds Which are fountains Of goodness and love Verse 3:

Great Father of glory
Pure Father of light
Thine angels adore Thee
All veiling their sight
All praise we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth Thee

GOD GRACIOUSLY RENEWS US IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin

"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"

[Lent Hymn]

Verse 1:

Alas and did my Savior bleed And did my Sov'reign die Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I

Verse 2:

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree Amazing pity grace unknown And love beyond degree

Verse 3:

Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut His glories in When Christ the mighty Maker died For man the creature's sin Verse 4:

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here Lord I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

[Psalm 130:1-3]

"Magnificent Marvelous"

[Hymn of Assurance]

Verse 1:

Magnificent marvelous
Matchless love
Too vast and astounding to tell
Forever existing in worlds above
Now offered and given to all
Oh fountain of beauty eternal
The Father the Spirit the Son
Sufficient and endlessly generous
Magnificent marvelous
Matchless love

Verse 2:

Creation is brimming
With thankfulness
The mountains exultant they stand
The seasons rejoice
In Your faithfulness
All life is sustained by Your hand
You crown every meadow
With color
You paint every shade in the sky

Each day the dawn wakes
As an encore of
Magnificent marvelous
Matchless love
Chorus:

Chorus:

How great how sure His love endures forevermore Magnificent marvelous Matchless love Verse 3:

What grace that You entered

Our brokenness
You came in the fullness of time
How far we had fallen
From righteousness
But not from the mercies of Christ
Your cross is our door
To redemption

Your death is our fullness of life That day how forgiveness Flowed as a flood Magnificent marvelous Matchless love Bridge:

United in Your resurrection You lift us to infinite heights Could anything sever Or take us from

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Matchless love

THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

Personal Testimony of Praise

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

"Psalm 8"

[Hymn of Thanksgiving]

Verse 1:

When I look at Your heavens

The moon and stars

You set in motion O God

I sing all glory and honor

What is man that You are mindful

The son of man

That You would care for him

We sing all glory and honor

Chorus:

O Lord our Lord

O how awesome are Your ways

How majestic is Your name

In all the earth

O Lord our Lord

May we see Your kingdom come

Father may Your will be done

In all the earth

<u>Verse 2</u>:

In all the earth You gave dominion

To Your children

And You crowned them O God

With glory and honor

So we sing of Your name

Live our lives

For Your greatness O God

Your glory and honor

Bridge:

The earth is full of

The glory of God

Come make much of

The name above all names

Creation cries out

And every knee bows

Jesus we crown

O Lord our Lord

GOD INSTRUCTS US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture: Matthew 26:1–5

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: "Suffering and the Sovereignty of God"

Pastor Brian Albert

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Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of March 13

Read this text: Exodus 12:1-30, Psalm 2, Matthew 26:1-5, 1 Corinthians 2:1-9

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: "Psalm 8"

You can find the music here: bit.ly/psalm8lyrics

Pray

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

[from The Book of Common Prayer]

GOD FEEDS US THROUGH HIS SUPPER

Breaking the Bread

Worship Leader: Like you, various members, who were once scattered amongst the fields of this world like so much wheat, you have been gathered together by our sovereign Harvester to be bundled up together here as one loaf (or church). He thinks too that the trials and troubles that buffet the church in this age, rather than being ultimate problems, are more like the temporary fires that cook that bread. To this he says, "In truth it has risen through the fires of trials for the joy of the world, the Church, presented as fresh baked bread," joined unto the body of Christ, through baptism and similar sufferings being refined like gold in fires of worldly trial. [Clement of Alexandria, 190 A.D.]

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Taking the Cup

Worship Leader: Let us look steadfastly to the blood of Christ, and see how precious that blood is to God, which, having been shed for our salvation, has set the grace of repentance before the whole world.

[Clement of Rome, 96 A.D.]

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

Worship Leader: May you be blessed whose strength is in the Lord you who have set your hearts in pilgrimage, who go from strength to strength, till you appear before God in the heavenly Zion.

[Psalm 84:5, 7]

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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