

Welcome to Calvary

Worship Guide for the week of

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Call to Worship

Worship Leader: Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven... You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect... Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven... Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you... So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

[*Matthew 5:20, 48; 6:1, 33; 7:12*]

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

Hymn 126

Verse 1:

All glory laud and honor
To Thee Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children
Make sweet hosannas ring
Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest
The King and Blessed One

Verse 2:

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayer
And anthems
Before Thee we present

Verse 3:

To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise
Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King

**GOD GRACIOUSLY
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin

Silent Prayers of Confession

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: Let me love You,
Lord, and give thanks to You and
confess to Your name, because You
have forgiven my grave sins and
wicked deeds. By Your sheer grace
and mercy You melted my sins away
like ice. I acknowledge that You have
forgiven me everything, both the sins
I willfully committed by following my
own will, and those I avoided through
Your guidance.

[Augustine, *The Confessions*, II, 7, 15]

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

[*Song of Resurrection*]

Verse 1:

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus:

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive
Because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one
That never ends

Verse 2:

I was dead in the grave
I was covered
In sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Bridge:

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives
Ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

Worship Leader: May God be
merciful to us and bless us, show us
the light of His countenance and
come to us.

Congregation: Let Your ways be
known on earth, Your saving health
among all nations.

Worship Leader: Let the peoples
praise You, O God; let all the peoples
praise You.

Congregation: Let the nations be
glad and sing for joy, for You judge
the peoples with justice and guide all
the nations on earth.

Worship Leader: Let the peoples
praise You, O God; let all the peoples
praise You.

Congregation: The earth has brought
forth her increase; may God, our own
God, give us His blessing.

Worship Leader: May God give us His
blessing, and may all the ends of the
earth stand in awe of Him.

[*Psalm 67*]

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

“Simple Kingdom”

Verse 1:

Your kingdom is simple
As simple as love
You welcomed the children
You stopped for the one
We want to see people
The way Jesus does
Your kingdom is simple
Lord teach it to us

Verse 2:

Your kingdom is humble
As humble as death
His King is a savior
Who gave His last breath
So may we die daily
Our pride laid to rest
His kingdom is humble
And the broken are blessed

Chorus:

Hallelujah hallowed be Your name
May we live and breathe
Your praise Hallelujah
Let all creation say
Oh the King of heaven reigns

Verse 3:

Your kingdom is coming
Your kingdom is here
Alive in our waiting
At work in our tears
So come to us quickly
Forever our prayer
Your kingdom is coming
Lord Jesus come near

Verse 4:

Your kingdom is backwards
It flows in reverse
What You call a treasure
This world calls a curse
The small become great and
The last become first
Your kingdom is backwards
Lord teach us to serve
As it is with Your kingdom
Let it be with Your church

GOD INSTRUCTS US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture: Matthew 5:7

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “Blessed Are the Merciful”

Dr. Brian Albert

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Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of April 13

Read: Matthew 5:7

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: “Because He Lives (Amen)”

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

Pray

Almighty and everliving God, in Your tender love for the human race You sent Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of His suffering, and also share in His resurrection; 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

“There Is a Fountain”

Hymn 142

Verse 1:

There is a fountain
Filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel’s veins
And sinners plunged
Beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

Verse 2:

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Verse 3:

Dear dying Lamb
Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow’r
Till all the ransomed
Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

Verse 4:

E’er since by faith
I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love
Has been my theme
And shall be till I die

Verse 5:

When this poor lispings
Stamm’ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save

**GOD BLESSES US
AND SENDS US OUT**

**“Come Thou Redeemer of the
Earth”**

[*Doxology*]

Verse 1:

Come thou
Redeemer of the earth
And manifest thy virgin-birth
Let every age adoring fall
Such birth befits
The God of all

Verse 2:

From God the Father
He proceeds
To God the Father
Back he speeds
Runs out his course
To death and hell
Returns on God’s
High throne to dwell

Verse 3:

O Jesu virgin-born to thee
Eternal praise and glory be
Whom with the Father
We adore
And Holy Spirit evermore
Amen

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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