

*Welcome
to Calvary*

Worship Guide for the week of

March 9, 2025

First Sunday during Lent

**GOD CALLS US TO
WORSHIP HIM**

Call to Worship

Worship Leader: God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, every where present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

[*Westminster Larger Catechism*, question 7]

“To God Be the Glory”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

Hymn 4

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

**GOD GRACIOUSLY
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin

“O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer”

Verse 1:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

Verse 2:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

Verse 3:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave
And death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your name

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: We thank You O
God, for Your patience that You have
given us for so long, and for the grace
that now makes us willing to be
Yours. Unite us to You with
inseparable bonds that nothing
may ever draw us back from You, our
Lord and our Savior.

[excerpt from “The Gospel Way”

from *The Valley of Vision*]

“Hallelujah What a Savior”

[*Hymn of Assurance*]

Verse 1:

Man of sorrows what a name
For the Son of God
Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah what a Savior

Verse 2:

Stand unclean
No one else could
In my place
Condemned He stood
Now His nearness is my good
Hallelujah what a Savior

Chorus:

Hallelujah praise to the one
Whose blood
Has pardoned me
Oh what a Savior
Redeemer and King
Your love has rescued me

Verse 3:

Lifted up was He to die
It is finished was His cry
Now in Heaven lifted high
Hallelujah what a Savior

Verse 4:

When He comes
Our glorious King
All His ransomed
Home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah what a Savior
Hallelujah what a Savior

THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

“Doxology”

Verse 1:

O risen Christ
Ascended Lord
All praise to Thee
Let earth accord
Who art
While endless ages run
With Father
And the Spirit one

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

“Simple Kingdom”

[*Hymn of Affirmation*]

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

Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of March 9

Read: Various passages

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: “O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer”

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

Pray

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as You know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find You mighty to save; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and 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

and

Taking the Cup

Silent Reflection

**GOD BLESSES US
AND SENDS US OUT**

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.

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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