

*Welcome
to Calvary*

Worship Guide for the week of

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

**GOD CALLS US TO
WORSHIP HIM**

Call to Worship

Worship Leader: Be joyful in the
Lord, all ye lands.

Congregation: Serve the Lord
with gladness and come before His
presence with a song.

Worship Leader: Be ye sure that the
Lord He is God.

Congregation: It is He that hath
made us and not we ourselves; we
are His people and the sheep of His
pasture.

Worship Leader: O go your way
into His gates with thanksgiving
and into His courts with praise.

Congregation: Be thankful unto
Him and speak good of His Name.

Worship Leader: For the Lord is
gracious; His mercy is everlasting.

All: And His truth endureth from
generation to generation.

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

Hymn 89

Verse 1:

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye
O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus:

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2:

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

Verse 3:

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

**GOD GRACIOUSLY
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Heavenly Father...

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Worship Leader: Lord Jesus...

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Worship Leader: Holy Spirit...

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Worship Leader: Forgive us from our sin.

Congregation: From our errors.

Worship Leader: From all evil.

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

Congregation: As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Worship Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

[*Psalm 103:11-13*]

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

[*Hymn of Assurance*]

Hymn 93

Verse 1:

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven’s all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 2:

Still thro’ the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O’er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

Verse 3:

And ye beneath life’s crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

Verse 4:

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world
Give back the song
Which now the angels sing

Verse 5:

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong
And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing

**THANKING GOD FOR WHAT
HE HAS DONE**

All: Come, let us shout joyfully to the
Lord, shout triumphantly to the rock
of our salvation! Let us enter His
presence with thanksgiving; let us
shout triumphantly to Him in song.

[*Psalm 95:1–2*]

**Giving Our Tithes
and Offerings**

*In addition to your regular tithes and offerings,
please consider giving to the Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering. For more information
about the offering, see www.imb.org.*

**“Come Lord Jesus (Even So
Come)”**

[*Hymn of Affirmation*]

Verse 1:

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway
A path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Verse 2:

Call back the sinner
Wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation
Shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus:

Like a bride
Waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church
Ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing
For our King
We sing even so come
Lord Jesus come

Verse 3:

There will be justice
All will be new
Your name forever
Faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Bridge:

So we wait we wait for You
God we wait
You're coming soon

Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of December 15

Read: Matthew 1:23

Reflect on these questions and discuss them with your family:

- We see Joseph's obedience in how he responds to a seemingly impossible situation: the miraculous conception. How can we trust God's Word today, despite the world pointing us toward unbelief?
- In American culture, a majority of people celebrate Christmas. How can we be different in the way we celebrate the birth of Jesus, rather than celebrating Christmas lights, presents, and Santa?
- If you have never heard of the miraculous conception and the humble birth of Jesus, pray that you will believe. If you have heard this good news, pray that the Lord would give you fresh ears to hear it like you're hearing it for the first time.

Sing this Hymn: "Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

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

Pray

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

[from *The Book of Common Prayer*]

**GOD FEEDS US
THROUGH HIS SUPPER**

Breaking the Bread

and

Taking the Cup

Video Reflection

**GOD BLESSES US
AND SENDS US OUT**

Worship Leader: May the only One
Who grants pardon for sin and a
peace that endures...

Congregation: And Whose own
presence guides and cheers...

All: Strengthen and protect you from
the evil one.

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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