

Welcome to Calvary

Worship Guide for the week of
January 12, 2025

*First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Call to Worship

All: Who is a God like You,
pardoning iniquity and passing over
transgression for the remnant of
His inheritance? He does not retain
His anger forever, because He
delights in steadfast love. He will
again have compassion on us; He
will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins into the
depths of the sea. You will show
faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast
love to Abraham, as You have
sworn to our fathers from the days
of old.

[*Micah 7:18–20*]

“Magnificent Marvelous”

[*Hymn of Adoration*]

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:

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
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

**GOD GRACIOUSLY
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world...

Congregation: Have mercy upon us.

Worship Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world...

Congregation: Grant us peace.

Forgiveness of Sin

Worship Leader: Then one of the elders addressed me saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

[*Revelation 7:13–17*]

**"I Will Wait for You (Psalm
130)"**

[*Hymn of Assurance*]

Verse 1:

Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Verse 2:

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come
Before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus 1:

I will wait for You I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

Verse 3:

So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

Verse 4:

His steadfast love has made a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus 2:

I will wait for You I will wait for You
Through the storm
And through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight

THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

“Be Exalted O God”

Verse 1:

I will give thanks to Thee
O Lord among the people
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations
For Thy steadfast love is great
Is great to the heavens
And Thy faithfulness
Thy faithfulness to the clouds

Chorus:

Be exalted O God
Above the heavens
Let Thy glory be
Over all the earth

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

1 Timothy 5:17–18 tells us, “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, ‘You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,’ and, ‘The laborer deserves his wages.’” When you give to Calvary, you support the ministry of the Word.

Approximately half of the budget goes to support pastoral and administrative staff (four individuals). Through your generous contributions, these individuals can continue to advance the gospel in their respective ministries.

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

[Hymn of Affirmation]

Verse 1:

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain
Moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Chorus:

O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Verse 2:

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Verse 3:

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising all men raising
Worshipping God on high

Verse 4:

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

Verse 5:

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia alleluia
Earth to heaven replies

Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of January 12

Read: Matthew 2:1–23

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: “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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

John Henry Hopkins wrote this Epiphany carol in 1857 and first published it in his own *Carols, Hymns, and Songs* in 1863. There are five stanzas and a refrain. The first stanza describes the journey of the magi following the star. The next three stanzas elaborate on the significance of each gift, and the final stanza summarizes the song. The only significant textual variation is the last line of the fifth stanza, which is given several renditions with the same basic meaning: the whole creation echoes the joy that Christ has come.

Pray

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

[from *The Book of Common Prayer*]

**GOD FEEDS US
THROUGH HIS SUPPER**

Breaking the Bread

and

Taking the Cup

Reflect on the following questions:

1. Is your conformity to His image more distinctly visible to the eye, both of God and man?
2. Are you advancing in love and charity to all men?
3. Are you more full of the Holy Spirit, that you cannot only freely forgive from your heart the most unprovoked and aggravated injuries and insults, but you delight in pouring out fervent prayer on behalf of your bitterest enemy and are ready to minister to his temporal and eternal welfare?
4. Have you felt a warmer interest in the welfare of all who come under your influence?
5. Are you treading more closely in the steps of Him who went about doing good to the bodies and souls of men?

**GOD BLESSES US
AND SENDS US OUT**

Encourage One Another

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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