

Worship Guide Sunday, April 13, 2025

Please take this worship guide with you to use for your times of personal worship during the week.

Greeting

Several times in the New Testament, Christians are told to "greet one another with a holy kiss" (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26). In that culture a kiss was a common greeting—like a handshake or hug in ours. Christians filled this practice with a deeper meaning to show their love and unity in Christ. As you greet others today, show genuine care, friendship, and above all, your shared connection to Christ.

Call to Worship - Psalm 108:1-5

As the fountain of all truth, goodness, and beauty, God deserves our trust, honor, and adoration. The call to worship invites us to consider whether we are making God the object of our worship, and stirs us to recenter our lives on him alone.

My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Song of Adoration - "O Worship the King"

1

O worship the King all-glorious above
O gratefully sing his power and his love
Our shield and defender
The Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor
And girded with praise

2

O tell of his might and sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light
Whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep
Thunderclouds form
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm

3

Thy bountiful care,
What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light
It streams from the hills
It descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

4

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail
Thy mercies, how tender,
How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!

Words of Confession & Assurance - Psalm 51:1-4, 7-12

Confession means we are completely honest with God and others about our flaws and failures. Instead of hiding in shame or self-defensiveness, we admit our sin, and open ourselves to God's mercy available through Christ alone.

Psalm 51:1–4, 7-12. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. . . . Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and

gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 103:8-13. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Song of Praise - "All Praise to Him"

1

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar
All praise to Him who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign power and tender care

2

All praise to Him whose love is seen In Christ, the Son, the Servant King Who left behind His glorious throne To pay the ransom for His own All praise to Him who humbly came To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame Who lived to die, who died to rise The all-sufficient sacrifice

3

All praise to Him whose power imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise

Choir - "You Alone Are God"

Throughout Scripture, God's people have used choirs to lead in worship. King David appointed hundreds of singers to minister musically to the Lord morning and evening (1 Chronicles 23:30). The choir serves in this same spirit today, testifying to God's eternality, love, and holiness, and stirring our hearts to praise him.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper proclaims the good news of Jesus in a way that engages our senses. It reminds us that just as our bodies need food and drink to live, our souls need Christ and his saving work for eternal life. The bread and the cup do not contain power or grace in themselves; rather, the power and grace are found in Christ, who is spiritually present with us as we partake by faith. Instituted by Jesus, the Lord's Supper is a means of grace that invigorates our faith, calls us to remember his once-for-all sacrifice, and anticipates the future feast we will enjoy with him when he returns.

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Song of Assurance - "Holy Forever"

1

A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us,
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, Holy All creations cries, Holy You are lifted high, Holy Holy forever 2

If you've been forgiven,
If you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom,
if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and Amen!

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing, Holy To the King of Kings, Holy You will always be, Holy Holy Forever

Pre-Chorus (2x)

Chorus 1

Closing

You will always be, Holy Holy Forever

Song of Preparation - "Christ the Sure & Steady Anchor"

The song of preparation helps center our hearts and minds on God's Word, reminding us to receive his truth with humility and faith, so that we may respond in obedience and worship.

1

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

2

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

3

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now
Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

4

Christ the sure and steady anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
And we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon,
Clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure

Ending

Christ, the Shore of our salvation, Ever faithful, ever true We will hold fast to the anchor; It shall never be removed

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:15-33

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Sermon: Christ's Love for Us

Many people believe that Jesus died on the cross to save them from hell or to help them deal with life's challenges, but that is not even half of the story. The central teaching of this passage challenges this and other faulty assumptions about the purpose of Jesus' death on the cross—assumptions that cause Christians to become lifeless and apathetic or insecure and legalistic.

If we will avoid these wrong assumptions, we must understand what this passage teaches us about . . .

I. What Jesus Has Done for us | His Past (Completed) Work "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" - 5:25

Jesus gave himself up for us to redeem us from sin and for himself (Eph. 1:7).

II. Why Jesus did this | His Purpose

"That he might sanctify her" - 5:26a

Jesus gave himself for us so that we would be "sanctified" (made holy)—that is, fully devoted and wholly his.

III. What Jesus is doing for us now | His Present Work

"Having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word . . . nourishes and cherishes" - 5:26b, 29

Although believers in Christ already belong to him, he is continually at work in us—cleansing, nourishing, and transforming us so that our lives grow to reflect that belonging.

IV. What Jesus will do for us in the future | His Perfected Work

"So that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." - 5:27

At some point in the future, our character, behavior, and bodies will completely match our belonging to him: we will be free from the power and presence of sin, spotless and radiant—his beautiful bride.

A recording of this sermon will be found at youtube.com/TrinityBaptistChurchMedia or on Spotify (access via tbcnh.org)

Song of Response - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride

2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood. 3

See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all!

Benediction

The benediction declares the reality of God's favor and presence with us as we prepare to leave.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Questions for Discussion and Application

For Kids

- 1. Did Jesus die on the cross for you just to keep you from going to hell? According to Ephesians 5:25-27, what was in Jesus' heart in giving himself for you?
- 2. If Jesus already loves you fully, how should that change the way you obey him?
- 3. Do you ever try to be really good so that Jesus will love you more? Why do you think you do that?
- 4. Are there times when you think it doesn't matter how you live because Jesus forgives you anyway? What is wrong with that kind of thinking?
- 5. Do you ever compare yourself to others when you do the right thing, and they don't? What do you think that shows about your heart?
- 6. What would it look like to trust that Jesus wants to help you grow, not just to scold you?

For Adults

- 1. Do you believe Jesus loves you as much on your worst spiritual day as on your best? How do your reactions to your failures reveal what you really believe?
- 2. Do you believe that Jesus loves *other* believers as much on their worst days as on their best? How do your reactions to *their* failures reveal what you really believe?
- 3. In what ways do you try to "clean yourself up" rather than submitting to Christ's cleansing through the word?
- 4. What tends to motivate your obedience—gratitude for grace or a desire to prove your worth?
- 5. Are there areas where you excuse sin because you know you're forgiven? What might that reveal about your view of Christ?
- 6. Are there areas in which your insecurity or shame reveal that you're still trying to earn love instead of receiving it?

Upcoming Events	Gathering Times	
 4/16 No Wednesday Service (Good Friday Service instead) 4/17 Senior Saints Bible Study 4/18 Women's Bible Study (Christa) / Good Friday Service 4/20 Easter Sunday Breakfast / 	Sunday Prayer Meeting	
No LifeGroup 4/23 Women's Book Study (Kim) 4/25 Teen Activity 4/30 Joni & Friends Presentation 5/1 Senior Saints 5/2 Women's Book Study (Christa) For more upcoming events, please visit tbcnh.org/event-calendar	Wednesday GriefShare	

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Preschool - Room 110 4-5 years - Room 115 1st-2nd Grade - Room 117 3rd-4th Grade - Room 119 5th-6th Grade - Room 118 Teens - Teen Room

CORE Classes

Age Group	Room
18-29	219
30S	218
408	217
508	214
60-65	215
66-69	210
70+	FH

Weekly Giving Update: Weekly Budget: \$21,800 Last Week's Giving: \$\$34,078

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