

Worship Guide Sunday, April 6, 2025

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

Call to Worship - Psalm 67

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.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us (*Selah*) that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (*Selah*) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Song of Adoration "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

1

Come, Christians join to sing
Alleluia Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King
Alleluia, Amen!
Let all with heart and voice
Before his throne rejoice
Praise is his gracious choice
Alleluia Amen!

2

Come, lift your hearts on high
Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky
Alleluia Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend
To us he'll condescend
His love shall never end
Alleluia Amen!

3

Praise yet the Lord again
Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain
Alleluia, Amen!
On Heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore
Singing forever more
Alleluia Amen!

Song of Adoration - "Only A Holy God"

1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness
trembles
Only a Holy God

2

What other beauty demands such praises What other splendour outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

3

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God

Chorus

4

Who else could rescue me from my failing Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God Only my Holy God!

Chorus

Words of Confession

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.

A Prayer of Confession Based on Psalm 321

Our merciful Father, we thank you that you never allow us comfort when we are not walking with you. When we refuse to confess our sins you give us an inward ache, as though our bones are wasting away, and we groan with an inaudible roar of guilt. You keep your hand heavy upon us, always pressing and depressing us. And our energy evaporates as dried up by the heat of a summer night. O Lord, the misery of unconfessed sin is a grace; it is a sign of being your child, and that we are loved. Thank you for the gift of guilt.

Merciful Father, thank you for forgiveness - because when we confess our sins there is real forgiveness for our real guilt, and the ache and the heaviness and the apathy disappear. And our hearts sing: "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (v.1). "You are a hiding place for me ... You surround me with shouts of deliverance (v.7).

Loving Father, thank you for the blessed discomfort that you bring to us when we are away from you,

Hear us as we now confess our sins in these moments of silence.

Silent Prayer of Confession/Congregational Prayer

Prayer is talking to God—declaring our desire for his glory, confessing our sins, thanking him for his boundless grace, and bringing to him our concerns for ourselves, others, the church, and the world.

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¹ Hughes, R. Kent, and Douglas Sean O'Donnell. *The Pastor's Book: A Comprehensive and Practical Guide to Pastoral Ministry*. Crossway, 2015. (273-274)

Words of Assurance

Psalm 103:8-12

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 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 - "All I Have Is Christ"

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

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

2

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Chorus

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

4

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your
commands
Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Chorus

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: Spirit-Filled Love

Contrary to contemporary Western culture, marriage is not about one's individual self-realization. But it is also about more than the stability of the community, as traditional cultures emphasize. Marriage is primarily about God and his relationship with people: "This mystery is profound," writes Paul, "and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church" (5:32). Marital love is a keyhole through which we can glimpse divine love. Clearly, such a high calling requires God's empowering presence, which is why the instructions on marriage come after the command to "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). A Spirit-filled wife submits to her own husband (that is, she honors and supports him as her leader); likewise, a Spirit-filled husband has his unique calling toward his wife. From this passage we learn that Jesus' life is manifest in a marriage when the husband loves and leads his wife like Jesus loves and leads the church.

- I. Responsibility What are husbands called to do?
 - A. Love sacrificially "as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (5:25b)
 - B. Love intentionally "that he might sanctify her" (5:26a)
 - C. Love devotedly "as their own bodies . . . nourishes and cherishes" (5:28-29)
- II. Reason Why are husbands called to do this?

A husband's love for his wife is meant to echo the life-giving devotion of Christ for the church (5:25-33).

- III. Relevance Why does this matter for everyone?
 - A. It clarifies the nature of true masculinity.
 - B. It puts marriage on the right foundation.
 - C. It comforts us with the tender and relentless love of Jesus.

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

Song of Response - "The Church's One Foundation"

1

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation,
By water and the word;
From Heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

2

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the Earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

3

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

4

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee;
There, past the border mountains,
Where in sweet vales, the bride
With thee, by living fountains,
Forever shall abide!

Benediction

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

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Questions for Discussion and Application

For Adults

- 1. In what ways does the call to be "filled with the Spirit" empower and inform the marital roles described in Ephesians 5?
- 2. Why is it so important for a Christian person to not become emotionally/romantically attached to a person who does not share a whole-life allegiance to Jesus?
- 3. How does this passage elevate the dignity and responsibility of both husbands and wives?
- 4. Why should a right view of marriage matter to every Christian—married, single, divorced, or widowed—and what encouragement is found in this passage to Christians in these various stages of life?
- 5. In what ways might our church support and cultivate marriages that reflect Christ's love and leadership?
- 6. How can our church disciple young men to understand and pursue a Biblical vision of masculinity?
- 7. Jesus "nourishes and cherishes" the church, as devotedly as if we were his own body, his bride. What effect should this have on us?
- 8. For husbands: In your relationship with your wife, what specific actions and attitudes does this passage call you to change? Ask for your wife's honest feedback in helping you answer this question.

For Kids

- 1. Why is it important that marriage is about more than just making ourselves happy?
- 2. Why do you think God made marriage to be like Jesus' love for us?
- 3. What can make it hard to love another person? Why do husbands and wives need God's Spirit to help them love each other?
- 4. If Jesus never gave up on the church, what does that tell us about love?

Upcoming Events	Gathering Times	
4/6 Lifegroup 4/9 Women's Book Study (Kim) 4/12 Women's Conference 4/16 No Midweek 4/17 Senior Saints Bible Study 4/18 Women's Bible Study (Christa) / Good Friday Service 4/20 Easter Sunday Breakfast / 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	Sunday Prayer Meeting	
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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

Age Group	Room
18-29	219
308	218
40S	217
50s	214
60-65	215
66-69	210
70+	FH

Weekly Giving Update: Weekly Budget: \$21,800 Last Week's Giving: \$23,913.63

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