

WORSHIP GUIDE
Sunday, January 24, 2021
10:00 AM

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

based on Ephesians 3:18-19

O God,
by your power may we, with all the saints,
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP | PSALM 100

- › Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- » **Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**
- › Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us and we are his;
- » **we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**
- › Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- » **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Stuart Hine, Paul Baloche, 1953, S.K. Hine, assigned to Manna Music Inc. renewed 1981,
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O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art, how great Thou art."
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art, how great Thou art."*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art."

GOD, YOU REIGN

Lincoln Brewster, Mia Fieldes, 2008, Integrity's Praise! Music, Hillsong Publishing,
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You paint the night;
You count the stars and you call them by name.
The skies proclaim, "God, You reign."
Your glory shines;
You teach the sun when to bring a new day.
Creation sings, "God, You reign."

*God, You reign; God, You reign.
Forever and ever, God, You reign.*

You part the seas;
You move the mountains with the words that You say.
My song remains, "God, You reign."
You hold my life;
You know my heart and You call me by name.
I live to say, "God, You reign."

Hallelujah, Hallelu.

CALL TO CONFESSION

› Our Lord Jesus said:

*“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.’
This is the greatest and first commandment.
And a second is like it:
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.”*

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

—based on Matthew 22:37-40

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» **Merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

› Hear the Good News:

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners,

Christ died for us. —Romans 5:8

Know that you are forgiven,

receive God's love for you,

and be at peace.

For at least 1,500 years, and still used weekly by most Christians, the following text offers praise and gratitude for God's glory and redemption in Christ.

THANKSGIVING | GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

» **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE

Jacob Sooter, Meredith Andrews, Paul Baloche. 2009 Integrity Worship Music, Leadworship Songs, Word Music. CCLI #101544

Thank you for the way
that you love us, how you love us.
Thank you for the way
you have made us.
We were created for your pleasure,
for your presence,
for the glory of your name.
Thank you for the way that you love us.

*Jesus, faithful King,
Lord, with grateful hearts we sing:
How great is the love,
how great is the love of our Savior!*

*The weight of the cross,
the curse of our shame;
you carried it all and rose from the grave.
How great is the love,
how great is the love,
of our Savior, of our Savior.*

Thank you for the grace
that has saved us; you forgave us.
Thank you for the way that you freed us.
We have been ransomed,
we've been rescued;
we've been purchased
with the price of your own life.
Thank you for the way that you love us.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

» **Loving God,**
Thank you for the way
that you have shown your love to us
through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Help us now as we hear from your Word
to be transformed by your Holy Spirit
into people who love like you have loved us.
Amen.**

SERMON

Title: "It Begins with Love"

Series: Intentional Outreach #2

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

- › God holds this world in sovereign love.
He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world.
He poured out his Spirit and broadcast his news
that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
can live and breathe and move again
as members of the family of God.
- » **We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**
- › As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in his world.
With tempered impatience,
eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.
- » **And we are confident
that the light that shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Our world belongs to you.**

*—Our World Belongs to God, st. 5-6
A Contemporary Testimony of the CRCNA*

BY OUR LOVE

Words and music by Christy Nockels, 2009.
worshiptogether.com Songs, sixstep Music, Sweater Weather Music. CCLI #101544

Brothers, let us come together.
Walking in the spirit, there's much to be done.
We will come reaching out from our comforts,
And they will know us by our love.

Sisters, we were made for kindness.
We can pierce the darkness as He shines through us.
We will come reaching with a song of healing,
And they will know us by our love.

*The time is now; come church, arise.
Love with His hands, see with His eyes.
Bind it around you, let it never leave you,
And they will know us by our love.*

Children, you are hope for justice.
Stand firm in the truth now; set your hearts above.
You will be reaching long after we're gone,
And they will know you by your love.

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

Cody Carnes, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, Kari Jobe Carnes. 2020. CCLI #101544

The LORD bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The LORD turn His face toward you
And give you peace

*Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen*

Numbers 6:22-27

*The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons,
This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:*

*The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.*

"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."