

# Worship Guide - March 29, 2020 | Woodland Hills Christian Church

*[NOTES: A leader should read the Scriptures and prayers in plain text. All should read together **the words in bold**. Headings and words in italics are for guidance and instruction, and need not be read aloud. All words of songs should be sung together. The lyrics in bold are repeated refrains. Music can be found on Spotify in the Sunday playlist or through the YouTube links provided on our website at [whcc.info/march29](http://whcc.info/march29).]*

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## GATHERING *[God calls his people to worship him and prepare our hearts to hear his Word.]*

### Call to Worship Psalm 137:1-5

By the waters of Babylon,  
there we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered Zion.  
On the willows there  
we hung up our lyres.  
For there our captors  
required of us songs,  
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"  
How shall we sing the Lord's song

in a foreign land?  
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand forget its skill!  
Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy!

Leader: The Word of the Lord,  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer

Father, we are reminded of the  
Israelites in exile, separated from your people,  
unable to worship you together.

**But we trust, that even in  
what feels like a foreign land,  
you are sovereign yet.**

Though it may seem for our harm,  
use for good the sorrow of isolation

**that we may grow in longing for  
the gathering of your people,  
the fellowship of the body,  
the communion of the saints.**

Though our voices may be scattered  
among our separate homes,  
may they be as little lights, driving  
back the darkness of these days.

**Though they may lack the  
harmony of singing together,  
may they rise to you all the same,  
and in rising, converge  
across space and time,**

to join together and with the voices  
of heaven, as a sign of our hope in  
the day when we will sing together  
again, and of our greater hope  
in the day when we will sing together  
around your throne. **Amen.**

### Sing: Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop  
the light from getting through? We do.  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?  
We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.  
Is a new creation coming? It is?  
Is the glory of the Lord to be  
the light within our midst? It is.  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died  
to ransom the slave.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy,  
of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.  
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.  
And does Jesus our Messiah  
hold forever those He loves? He does.  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?  
He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died  
to ransom the slave.  
From every people and tribe,  
every nation and tongue,  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God  
to reign with the Son.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy,  
of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this?

He is. He is. He is. He is.  
He is worthy, He is worthy  
of all blessing and honor and glory.  
He is worthy of this.  
He is.

## **Sing: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord He is alive  
**What a foretaste of deliverance**  
**How unwavering our hope**  
**Christ in power resurrected**  
**As we will be when He comes**

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**WORD** *[God speaks to his people through the Scriptures in the power of the Holy Spirit.]*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading - Luke 19:1-10

*[Read the text together and then play the teaching video.]*

### Sing: God You're So Good

Amazing love that welcomes me  
The kindness of mercy  
That bought with blood wholeheartedly  
My soul undeserving

**God You're so good  
God You're so good  
God You're so good  
You're so good to me**

Behold the cross age to age  
And hour by hour

The dead are raised the sinner saved  
The work of Your power

**I am blessed I am called  
I am healed I am whole  
I am saved in Jesus' name  
Highly favored anointed  
Filled with Your pow'r  
For the glory of Jesus' name**

And should this life bring suffering  
Lord I will remember  
What Calvary has bought for me  
Both now and forever

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**TABLE** *[God unites his people to himself as we respond to his Word.]*

### Prayers of the People

Gracious Father, every good and perfect gift is from you.

**May we hold fast to your goodness  
with joy and thanksgiving  
even amidst these days of uncertainty.**

*[Take a moment to thank God for ways he has blessed you in the last week.]*

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."  
At your command, the sick were made well.

**Come to our aid now,  
in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus,  
that we may experience your healing love.**

*[Pray for healing for those who are sick]*

*[Pray for comfort for those who are afraid.]*

*[Pray for provision for doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers.]*

*[Pray for others whom God has laid on your heart.]*

We know you are the Prince of peace, Lord of lords, the King of kings.

**We praise you for your goodness and your mercy,**  
And we ask this all in the name of Jesus, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Confession and Assurance

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Most 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;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.**

As you have promised us in your Word so we believe, and find assurance:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*[1 John 1:9]*

Let us pray as our Savior has taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Communion

What I received from the Lord is what I deliver to, that the Lord Jesus Christ, on the very night when he was betrayed, took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And in the same way after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to the disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread, and whenever you drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord in the gift of his Son.

*[Those who are baptized may share in the bread and the cup.]*

## Sing: O Church Arise

O Church arise and put your armour on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of Truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword  
that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

**Arise shine for your Light has come**  
**Arise shine for the risen Son**  
**Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride**  
**Arise O Church arise**

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from his grave  
This victory march continues 'til the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in Glory

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**SENDING** *[God sends his people out to love and serve him in the world.]*

## Closing Prayer

Lord, teach us to love: To love the Lord our God

**With all our heart,**  
**with all our soul,**  
**and with all our mind.**

**To love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Lord, teach us to love like Jesus.

## Benediction

As you go to love and serve the Lord,  
may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**