



# **BCRC Family Worship Guide**

**February 15, 2026**

# Preparing for Morning Worship

This Sunday morning, Pastor Milgate will preach from the Gospel According to Matthew. Take some time to read and think about this text as we approach the preaching of God's Word.

## Matthew 12:22-32 (English Standard Version)

<sup>22</sup> Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." <sup>25</sup> Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup> Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>30</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. <sup>31</sup> Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup> And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.



# Songs, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

*...Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord*

*Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

*Ephesians 5:19-21*

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Behold Our God**

**God of Grace**

**Doxology**



## Approaching Worship

Before coming to God's house to hear His Word, prepare yourself and your family with prayer. The Puritans said we should dress our bodies for worship and our souls with prayer.

Pray for:

- *The conversion of sinners*
- *The edification of saints*
- *The glorification of God's triune name*
- *Listening ears and understanding hearts*
- *An outpouring of the Spirit's conviction, quickening, humbling, and comforting power to work through God's ordinances (Preaching, prayer, sacraments) in the fulfillment of His promises.*

-from "The Family at Church" by Joel R. Beeke

# Liturgy Focus

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**God's Greeting**

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Song of Assurance

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Offering

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Parting Words

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Postlude



In the Gathering Hymn, we are asking for God's help and trusting that His Spirit will work among his assembled people as he has promised. And then we receive yet another Word from him. We know this in our liturgy as God's Greeting. In his book *What Happens When We Worship*, Jonathan Landry Cruise writes,

"The great thing with Christian worship is that we begin with the gospel. So we have cried out for help, and immediately God responds with a word of peace to us, a blessing, a word that says, 'Everything is going to be okay. By my grace, I'm going to help you.' This is the part of the service known as the greeting, in which the minister raises his hands and blesses the people. He does this as God's representative, not as if he has power in and of himself to impart a divine blessing. Thus the words are not the minister's either, but they are God's."

God does not forsake those who call on him. Our call for help is met with a warm greeting of grace and peace made possible by the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Because of the cup of wrath poured out on him, we receive a cup of grace, mercy and peace. This is God keeping his covenant promise to his people even though we are covenant breakers. Michael Horton writes, "Jesus of Nazareth is the protector of his people and the keeper of the covenant...so we call on him to be present among us by his Spirit. The minister, acting in Christ's name and by his authority, declares God's goodwill toward the assembly."

# HEIDELBERG

## CATECHISM

# WEEKLY

## Lord's Day 6

### Q&A 16

**Q. Why must he be truly human and truly righteous?**

A. God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for its sin;<sup>1</sup> but a sinner could never pay for others.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 5:12, 15; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16

<sup>2</sup> Heb. 7:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:18

### Q&A 17

**Q. Why must he also be true God?**

A. So that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Isa. 53; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:21

### Q&A 18

**Q. And who is this mediator—  
true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?**

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>1</sup> who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Matt. 1:21-23; Luke 2:11; 1 Tim. 2:5

<sup>2</sup> 1 Cor. 1:30

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#### Q. How do you come to know this?

A. The holy gospel tells me.

God himself began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise;<sup>1</sup> later, he proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs<sup>2</sup> and prophets,<sup>3</sup> and portrayed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law;<sup>4</sup> finally, he fulfilled it through his own dear Son.<sup>5</sup>

1 Gen. 3:15

2 Gen. 22:18; 49:10

3 Isa. 53; Jer. 23:5-6; Mic. 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Heb. 1:1-2

4 Lev. 1-7; John 5:46; Heb. 10:1-10

5 Rom. 10:4; Gal. 4:4-5; Col. 2:17