The Oaks Community Church Worship Guide



I. A Call to Worship

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:38 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

4. We Are Thankful for the Faithfulness of the Lord

We are thankful for the Lord, whose faithfulness stands firm through all generations. His compassions never fail and His promises remain true forever. God, we place our trust in you the God who never fails.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22, 23

III. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

Each of you as a good manager must use the gift that God has given you to serve others.

I Peter 4:10 (GW)



IV.

Worship On Earth As It is In Heaven
Revelation 4&5
Pastor Gary Barber

In this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

Matthew 6:9,10 (KJ21)

- Worshipping God with Awe & Affection
- Hebrew Shachah [worship]: to bow down in reverence, awe, humility, and surrender Psalm 95
- Greek Proskuneo [worship] to turn towards (pros) and kiss (kuneo) John 4
- Background and Opening chapters of Revelation

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Revelation 1:3 (NIV)

At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.

Revelation 4:2 (NIV)

God's holiness encompasses His complete perfection, righteousness, purity, glory, power, majesty, and mystery.

- ❖ The Throne and the 24 thrones
- The Seven-Fold Spirit
- ❖ The Four Living Creatures

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Revelation 4:8b (NIV)

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Revelation 4:11 (NIV)

- The Scroll with Seven Seals
- ❖ The Lion of the tribe of Judah The Lamb that was slain.
- The New Song

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:9, 10 (NIV)

Creation's Praise

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

Revelation 5:13 (NIV)

- Revelation 6-18 God's Judgements and Reclamation of His wayward planet and people.
- Revelation 19 & 20 Jesus' Return and Reign upon the earth with His people.
- ❖ Revelation 21 & 22 The New Heaven and New Earth and God's Dwelling with His people in the Eternal City.

"The main street of the city was pure gold, translucent as glass... the city doesn't need sun or moon for light. God's glory is the light, the Lamb it's lamp!.... Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will get in."

Revelation 21:21,23,27 (MSG)

Prayer and Reflection

Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life? Would you like to make certain that it is?

Prayer to thank Jesus for being the Lamb of God who takes away your sin.

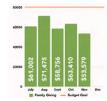
"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29b (NASB)

- Next Steps
- Get a Bible
- > Tell another believer you said yes to Jesus.
- > Text our staff at 661-241-3408

Community Group Questions

- ➤ 1.Read Matthew 6:9–10. What does it practically look like to worship "on earth as it is in heaven" in your daily life?
- ➤ 2. Read Revelation 4:8–11. How does seeing God's holiness and majesty in this passage shape the way we approach worship?
- ➤ 3. Read Revelation 5:4–7. What does it mean to you that Jesus is both the Lion and the Lamb? How does that deepen your worship?
- ➤ 4. Read Revelation 5:8. How does knowing that our prayers are like incense before God encourage you in your prayer life?
- ➤ 5. Read Revelation 5:9–10. What stands out to you about Jesus purchasing people from every nation? How should this influence the way we see the church?
- ➤ 6. Read Revelation 5:11–12. How does the heavenly worship scene challenge or inspire the way we worship together as a community?
- > 7. Read Revelation 21:27. How can we live with confidence and hope knowing that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life?
- > 8. Spend some time as a group thanking and praising God together. Lift your FRANCES up in prayer, that they will see God's goodness to them and turn to Him.



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