

# Divine Worship

Psalm 16:

“Glorious Inheritance: The View from Here (4)”

## Preparation: Psalm 16.1-3

Silent Meditation

Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.  
*O my soul*, you have said to the LORD,  
“You *are* my Lord,  
My goodness is nothing apart from You.”  
As for the saints who *are* on the earth,  
“They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.”

## Call to Worship

Psalm 145.1-3 (adapted)

Leader:  
Extol our God, our King,  
And bless His Name forever and ever!

All:  
We will praise Your Name forever and ever!  
You are great, O LORD,  
And greatly to be praised!  
Your greatness is unsearchable!

## Hymn of Praise

Psalm 145.1-9

(Brother James' Air: *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not Want*)  
I will extol You, God, my King, and ever praise Your Name!  
I bless You, Lord, for everything each day, and e'er the same!  
Great are You, Lord, my praise I bring; unsearchable Your fame!

To ev'ry generation we Your wondrous works shall tell.  
The splendor of Your majesty we contemplate full well.  
We speak of all Your mighty deeds and all Your greatness tell!

Then shall we all the glorious fame of Your great goodness sing –  
Your righteousness, Your gracious Name, Your mercy: praise we bring!  
Your steadfast love remains the same, mercy our covering.

## Invocation and Call to Confession

Leader:  
Lord Jesus Christ, we come to extol and exalt You; we come to praise and adore You; we come together to meet with You and hear You and be transformed into Your image. And we pause here, Lord Jesus, that You might cleanse us of our sins, and by Your Spirit and Word, make our worship acceptable to You. **Hear our silent confessions, O Lord.**

## Silent Confession

All

**Word of Assurance**

**Psalm 145.8, 9**

Leader:

The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger and great in mercy.  
The LORD *is* good to all,  
And His tender mercies are over all His works.

All:

Thanks be to God!

**Hymn of Assurance**

**Psalm 145.10-12**

*(Brother James' Air: [The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not Want](#))*

Your works shall thank You; all Your saints shall bless and praise You, Lord.  
Your reign we bless without restraint; Your power fills our words.  
Our children we shall educate in all Your splendor, Lord.

**Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving**

**Psalm 145.10, 11**

Leader:

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,  
And Your saints shall bless You.  
They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom,  
And talk of Your power.

All may offer prayers of praise and thanks to the Lord. At the end of these prayers, the Leader shall **lead the people in praying the Lord's Prayer**.

**Offerings to the Lord**

Leader:

Let us now bring our offerings to honor the Lord and edify one another by His Word: a passage of Scripture which has been particularly helpful; a brief word of praise for some grace of God bestowed; an observation from creation which revealed the glory of the Lord; a word of appreciation for some aspect of the beauty, goodness, or truth of the Lord.

When as many as like have shared, the **Leader shall pray**:

We give You thanks and praise, O Lord, and offer ourselves to you in our confession of faith together (**all together, saying the Apostles' Creed**):

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Doxology**

**All**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him, all creatures, here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen!

**Prayers of the People**

Leader:

Let us bring our prayers and supplications to the Lord.

All may offer prayers of intercession or supplication, seeking mercy and grace to help in our time of need. **At the end, let the Leader and people pray Psalm 16.5, 6, as indicated:**

Leader:

O Lord, You are the portion of our inheritance and our cup!

All:

You maintain our lot!

Leader:

The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places;

All:

Yes, we have a good inheritance.

**The Ministry of the Word**

**Psalm 16.1-11**

The Leader will read the passage for today, or ask another to read it.

Let's read

Paul's prayer for us from Ephesians 1.15-23 (ask someone to read this passage).

Paul prayed that the eyes of our hearts would be open, so that we might see the hope of our calling. As we have seen, God has called us to His Kingdom and glory. We hope to know more of these, more of the righteousness, peace, and joy of the Kingdom of God – now and forever; and more of the glory of the Lord, in the face of Jesus, throughout creation, and all our daily activities and work. What a glorious hope, indeed. We are seated with Jesus at the right hand of the Father, and the full scope of our Kingdom-and-glory calling surrounds and sustains us, and spreads out before us as a glorious vision of possibilities and power. Let's be sure to pray, like Paul, that the eyes of our heart will be open to this glorious hope, more and more every day!

Paul also prayed that we might know “the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.” God has prepared an inheritance for all who believe in Jesus, and it is possible for us to glimpse and lay hold on that inheritance, even now!

1. What comes to your mind when you think of an inheritance?

2. Ours is a “glorious inheritance.” According to Psalm 16.5, 6, what is *our* inheritance?

God Himself is our inheritance – to know, possess, delight in, enjoy, and spend profligately for His glory and praise. People who are expecting a nice inheritance may entertain visions of what they might do with that inheritance once they receive it. David knew that God was his inheritance, so he set the LORD always before him. David’s life was guided, directed, incentivized, and moved by his vision of the LORD.

3. Paul says we have been seated with Christ in heavenly places (Eph. 2.6). What should we expect to see with the eye of the heart from that vantage point? What’s going on around us? Beneath us? Within us?

The full and complete realization of our inheritance awaits the return of Jesus and the new heavens and new earth. But we may begin to enjoy and benefit from our inheritance even now. Let’s look at how that inheritance benefited David in Psalm 16:

4. How did concentrating on his inheritance make David feel (v. 9)?
5. Where did David’s inheritance make him want to walk (v. 11)?
6. What was he concentrating on as the end of his journey (v. 11)?

The Lord is our inheritance. He gives Himself entirely to us, that we may be filled with joy and purpose and power and holy pleasure every moment of every day of our lives. Let us fix the eye of our heart on the inheritance we share with all other believers, and thus let us encourage one another in our walk with and work for the Lord.

### Hymn of Commitment

Psalm 145.13-21

*(Brother James’ Air: The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll not Want)*

Your Kingdom evermore shall be; You reign forever, Lord!  
Your works You do so faithfully, according to Your Word.  
The falling You uphold and the oppressed You rescue, Lord!

The eyes of all look up to You to meet our needs each day.  
Open Your hand, provide the food we need, O Lord, we pray!  
Kindness and righteousness You do, O Lord, in every way!

Be near to all who call on You; all those who fear You, bless.  
Preserve all those whose love is true; save us in our distress.  
Our mouths will speak with praise of You; Your holy Name we’ll bless!

### Benediction

Psalm 16.8, 9 (adapted)

Leader:

Set the LORD always before you;  
Keep Him at your right hand, and you will never be moved.

All:

Gladden our hearts, O LORD, that we may rejoice in glory and rest in hope.

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