

## Opening Remarks

### Call to Worship: "Behold Our God"

1 Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him!

2 Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him!

3 Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him!

Bridge 3x:

You will reign forever.  
*(Let Your glory fill the earth.)*  
You will reign forever.  
*(Let Your glory fill the earth.)*

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him!

## Pastoral Prayer

Message: "Esther: God Shouts in the Silence (Part 1)" (Esther 1-2)

**See notes on the third page.**

### Song of Confession: "Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)"

1 For what we have done and left undone,  
We fall on Your countless mercies.  
For sins that are known and those unknown,  
We call on Your name so holy.  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes,  
For scorning our very neighbor.  
In thought, word, and deed,  
we've failed You our King;  
How deeply we need a Savior.

Chorus:

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on us.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us.

2 For what You have done, your life of love,  
You perfectly lived, we praise You.  
Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes,  
You finished the work God gave You.  
And there on the tree, a King among thieves,  
You bled for a world's betrayal.  
You loved to the end, our merciful friend:  
How pure and forever Faithful.

Chorus 2x:

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on us.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on us.

3 For hearts that are cold, for seizing control,  
For scorning our very neighbor.  
In thought, word, and deed,  
we've failed You our King;  
How deeply we need a Savior.

Chorus 3x:

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on us.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on us.

Message (cont.): "Esther: God Shouts in  
the Silence (Part 1)" (Esther 3-4)  
**See notes on page that follows.**

Song of Response: "My Life Is an  
Offering"

1 This life is an altar  
Where I want to offer;  
My soul, and my mind, and strength;  
Cleansed by Your mercy to live a life worthy  
Of the One Who called my name.

Chorus:

Jesus, be glorified;  
Jesus, be magnified;  
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.  
Jesus, be glorified;  
Jesus, be magnified;  
Here at the altar,  
My life is an offering.

2 How could I not love You?  
You authored my rescue,  
Raised me up from death to life.  
Your Spirit is in me, revealing Your glory;  
Oh, what joy as I give my life!

Chorus:

Jesus, be glorified;  
Jesus, be magnified;  
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.  
Jesus, be glorified;  
Jesus, be magnified;  
Here at the altar,  
My life is an offering.

Bridge 4x:

I choose to lose my life, Lord,  
And find it in You.

Chorus:

Jesus, be glorified;  
Jesus, be magnified;  
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.  
Jesus, be glorified;  
Jesus, be magnified;  
Here at the altar,  
My life is an offering.

**See the next page for sermon  
notes.**

Announcements & Benediction

## Esther: God Shouts in the Silence (Part 1)

### Esther 1-4

Notes from Esther 1:1-2:18

Take yourself off the \_\_\_\_\_ if you have been living as the \_\_\_\_\_.

Even when you have put yourself in a compromising situation, God is still the director orchestrating his plan through \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Notes from Esther 2:19-4:17

God has a \_\_\_\_\_ for you, \_\_\_\_\_ you are, not to be who you are not, but for you to be who you are.

God's ability to work isn't dependent on your ability to get it \_\_\_\_\_.

Creative Challenge of the Week: Make an acrostic or acronym out of "ESTHER" that relates to the message of the book.