

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord’s Day

March 23, 2025

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Chris Holmberg

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Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Almighty God, since you delay with so much forbearance the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves, grant that we may not indulge ourselves, but carefully consider how often and in how many different ways we have provoked your wrath against us. May we learn to present ourselves to you humbly for pardon, and with true repentance to implore your mercy. With all our hearts we desire to submit ourselves to you, whether you chastise us, or according to your infinite goodness, forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding you to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled to us in your only-begotten Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Sam Winegarden

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Closing Hymn

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Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken


Benediction

Parting Hymn



God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude



Our Corporate Prayer of Confession was adapted from a prayer by John Calvin.




1. O wor-ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.



5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Unison Scripture Reading...Psalm 68:11-19

¹¹ The Lord gives the word;
 the women who announce the news are a great host:

¹² “The kings of the armies—they flee, they flee!”

The women at home divide the spoil—

¹³ though you men lie among the sheepfolds—
 the wings of a dove covered with silver,
 its pinions with shimmering gold.

¹⁴ When the Almighty scatters kings there,
 let snow fall on Zalmon.

¹⁵ O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan;
 O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!

¹⁶ Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain,
 at the mount that God desired for his abode,
 yes, where the LORD will dwell forever?

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
 thousands upon thousands;
 the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.

¹⁸ You ascended on high,
 leading a host of captives in your train
 and receiving gifts among men,
 even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may
 dwell there.

¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord,
 who daily bears us up;
 God is our salvation.

Fly Away to Glory

I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun. (3x)
Way beyond the blue.

Some glad morning when this life is o'er.
I'll fly away to a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away. I'll fly away.

Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand
Ways that God would lead us to the blessed promised land;
But He'll guide us with His eye; And we'll follow 'til we die.
We will understand it better by and by, by and by.

By and by Lord when the morning comes,
When the saint of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we've overcome;
We will understand it better by and by.

By and by Lord when the morning comes,
When the saint of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we've overcome;
We will understand it better by and by.

May the circle be unbroken, by and by Lord, by and by?
There's a better home awaiting, in the sky Lord in the sky.
May the circle be unbroken, by and by Lord, by and by?
There's a better home awaiting, in the sky Lord in the sky.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, by and by, Lord,
In the sky, Lord, I'll fly away.

Not What My Hands Have Done

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;

not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
• thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.

Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
• No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;

not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
• no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

Sermon Text...Ephesians 4:8-16

Sermon Notes

⁸ Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

1. God Grants us Gifts

2. God Grants us Growth

3. God Grants us Glory

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, thro' grace, a mem - ber am,

he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move;
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near;
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name;

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Meditation for the Week

Let us be thankful to God for a crucified Redeemer. There is nothing in heaven or earth such an amazing wonder as this; nothing can vie with it for excellence. All love and thankfulness is due to God, who hath given us his Son, not only to live, but to die for us a death so shameful, a death so accursed, a death so sharp, that we might be repossessed of the happiness we had lost. All love and thankfulness is due to Christ, who did not only pay a small sum for us as our surety, but bowed his soul to death to raise us to life, was numbered among transgressors, that we might have a room among the blessed. Our crimes merited our sufferings, but his own confession made him a sufferer for us; for us he sweat those drops of blood, for us he trode the vine-press alone, for us he assuaged the rigour of divine justice, for us, who were not only miserable, but offending creatures, and overwhelmed with more sins to be hated than with misery to be pitied. He was crucified for us by his love, who deserved to die by his power, and laid the highest obligation upon us, who had laid the highest disobligements upon him. His death is the ground of all our good; whatever we have is a fruit that grew upon the cross. Had he not suffered, we had been rejected for ever from the throne of God; salvation had never appeared but by those groans and agonies. By this alone was God pleased, and our souls for ever pleased; without it, he had been for ever displeased with us, we had been odious and abominable in his sight, and could never have seen his face. Nothing is such an evidence of his love as his cross; the miracles he wrought, and the cures he performed in the time of his life, were nothing to the kindness of his death, wherein he was willing to be accounted worse than a murderer in his punishment, that he might thereby effect our deliverance. If he had given us the riches of this world and a greater; had he given us the honour of angels, and made us barons of heaven, without exposing himself to the cross to accomplish it, it had been a testimony of his affection, but destitute of so endearing an emphasis. The manner of procuring is more than a bare kindness in bestowing it; he testified his resolution, not only to give us glory, but to give it us whatsoever it should cost him, and would stick at nothing rather than we should want it. The angels in heaven in their glittering lustre, are the monuments of his liberality, but not of so supreme an affection as is engraven on the body of his cross.

Stephen Charnock (1628-1680)
The Knowledge of Christ Crucified

Featured Element of Worship: The Apostles’ Creed

The Apostles’ Creed dates back to the early centuries of the church, when it often served as a statement of faith for those being baptized. In the words of Zacharius Ursinus, it “signifies a brief and summary form of the Christian faith, which distinguishes the church and her members from the various sects.” In other words, if you are to set out those things that differentiate Christianity from all other religions, including monotheistic ones (for example, Judaism and Islam), the Apostles’ Creed would provide an excellent summary of those doctrines unique to Christianity. The creed sets forth the doctrine of the Trinity. It sets forth the basic economy of redemption—the Father is the creator of all things, Jesus is the only Savior, and the Holy Spirit is the one who gives us faith and then unites us to Christ. The creed also affirms the basic historical facts of the gospel—our Lord’s virgin birth, His suffering, death, and bodily resurrection. Furthermore, the creed affirms Jesus’ descent into hell (which Reformed believers traditionally understand to refer to Jesus’ suffering the wrath of God upon the cross), His bodily resurrection, and His ascent into heaven where Jesus now rules over all until He returns at the end of the age to judge the world and raise the dead.

Next, the creed affirms the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the existence of a “holy” (those whose only hope of heaven is in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ) and “catholic” church, a reference to the universal church (the body of Christ) that will exist from the time it was founded until Jesus returns. The creed affirms the communion of saints (the fellowship of justified sinners with the risen Christ), the forgiveness of sins (Christ’s work in fulfilling all righteousness and dying for the sins of His people), the resurrection of the body at the end of the age (as Jesus was raised bodily on the third day, so will we when He returns) and life everlasting (new heavens and earth).

(Based on a post by Rev. Kim Riddlebarger)

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Jimmy & Karen Hayden in honor of their son, James Hayden III, and by Vivian Hall to the glory of God.

<u>This Week at Calvary</u>		
Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Tuesday-Friday		Office Closed
Thursday	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
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- Upcoming Events:**

April 5th - Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

April 9th - Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner/Worship

April 18th - Good Friday Tennebrae Service

April 20th - Easter Breakfast & Woship

<u>Church Staff</u>	
Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey

Easter Boxes: The Martha-Mary Circle is once again leading a food drive for Easter. Please drop off food items in the vestibule at the church's front entrance. There are lists there of the items that are most needed. Money donated will be used to purchase meat, fresh fruit, potatoes, and other items on sale the week boxes are made.

If you know someone who is in need this Easter, sign up for them to receive a box of food. You will find forms on the desk in the church office. Be sure to have them filled out and returned no later than April 4th. Contact Wanda Knight with any questions.



Calvary Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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Easter Lilies - Sign up today in the Narthex to purchase your Easter Lilies. They will adorn the sanctuary on Easter and can be taken home afterwards.