

Prelude Chris Holmberg  
Welcome and Announcements  
Introit Choir

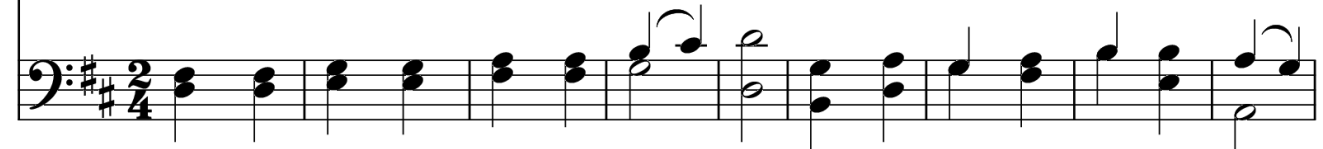
Worship God with Music

Call to Worship Psalm 103:1

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 239



- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
- 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
- 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
- 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - las - ting King.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 • Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.



Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. Therefore we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offences! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence beseeching that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased then to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And, in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit; that, acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance; and that your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Adapted from John Calvin's Form of Church Prayers at Geneva)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:1-2

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## 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.

## Unison Scripture Reading

Luke 7:41-50

<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

## Anthem

I Have Felt the Touch of God

## Choir

## Pastoral Prayer

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,  
 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;  
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.  
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.  
 and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;  
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;  
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;  
 and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my brow:  
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.



Statement of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

277 Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,  
 spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

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grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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We Depart into the World...

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

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Lil & Laurie Goff in celebration of their son Rob's 56th birthday, as well as by Mark & Kim Freeman in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

"...and the Two became One..."

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church's commitment to marriage, recognizes couples who are members of the church on certain wedding anniversaries (their first, all divisible by five, and all over 50). Today we are pleased to celebrate with:

- Bob & Karan Daily (30 years on May 4th)
- Liz & Wes Smith (67 years on May 9th)

### **Featured Element of Worship: Children in Worship**

At Calvary, while we do offer a nursery and a cry room, we welcome and even encourage having your children in the sanctuary during worship from the earliest days that their parents are comfortable having them there. Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven," (Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16). We take this command to heart. Some people fret that as their little children fidget and fuss, they might be a distraction, disrupting our emotional experience in worship. We actually welcome those noises, as they are a joyful reminder of the presence of little ones in our midst as members of the family of God. As Scott Clark notes, "God doesn't mind that your emotional experience is less intense. He takes the long view. Your children will grow up not segregated from public worship and the means of grace. They'll grow up a part of the community of the redeemed and watching baptisms (so they can see what happened to them). They'll see the supper administered and they'll ask, "When can I have it?" They'll hear the Law and the Gospel and they'll grow up knowing that this is their identity, that it's really true, that God said, 'I will be your God and your children's God.'"

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.

### **Meditation for the Week**

(T)here is an ancient Roman inscription from about the same time as Jesus and Mark. It starts: "The beginning of the gospel of Caesar Augustus." It's the story of the birth and coronation of the Roman emperor. A gospel was news of some event that changed things in a meaningful way. It could be an ascension to the throne, or it could be a victory. When Greece was invaded by Persia and the Greeks won the great battles of Marathon and Solnus, they sent heralds (or evangelists) who proclaimed the good news to the cities: "We have fought for you, we have won, and now you're no longer slaves; you're free." A gospel is an announcement of something that has happened in history, something that's been done for you that changes your status forever.

Right there you can see the difference between Christianity and all other religions, including no religion. The essence of other religions is advice; Christianity is essentially news. Other religions say, "This is what you have to do in order to connect with God forever; this is how you have to live in order to earn your way to God." But the gospel says, "This is what has been done in history. This is how Jesus lived and died to earn the way to God for you." Christianity is completely different. It's joyful news.

How do you feel when you're given good advice on how to live? Someone says, "Here's the love you ought to have, or the integrity you ought to have," and maybe they illustrate high moral standards by telling a story of some great hero. But when you hear it, how does it make you feel? Inspired, sure. But do you feel the way the listeners who heard those heralds felt when the victory was announced? Do you feel your burdens have fallen off? Do you feel as if something great has been done for you and you're not a slave anymore? Of course you don't. It weighs you down: This is how I have to live. It's not a gospel. The gospel is that God connects to you not on the basis of what you've done (or haven't done) but on the basis of what Jesus has done, in history, for you. And that makes it absolutely different from every other religion or philosophy.

Tim Keller  
*King's Cross*, pp. 14-16  
New York: Dutton, 2011

### **This Week at Calvary**

**Today**      9:40      Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)  
                  10:00      Worship Service  
                                         followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship  
  
                  11:30      Sunday School

**Tuesday - Friday**      **OFFICE CLOSED**

**Thursday**      11:00      Martha Mary Circle

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Throughout the week, as you ready your hearts for next Sunday's service of corporate worship, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin), as well as Romans 3:21-31 & 5:1-11, which together will serve as Sunday's sermon text.

**Baby Bottle Boomerang** - Each year between Mother's Day and Father's Day, we take part in this project to support the Pregnancy Resource Center of Flint in their efforts to provide life-changing hope to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies through non-judgmental compassion, Biblical truths, material needs and verification of pregnancy. On your way home today, pick up a baby bottle by the front door and take it home. Fill it up with spare change over the upcoming weeks and bring it back by June 21st.

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