

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord's Day

January 26, 2020

Prelude

Introit

How Great Thou Art

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Philippians 4:4

Opening Hymn

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Rejoice the Lord is King

*Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9

*The Gloria Patri

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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.

Offertory

Mixed Ensemble

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Chris Holmberg

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

Matthew 5:1-12

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Back to the Church in the Wildwood

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

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Preserve Me, O My God

Sermon

Rev. Peter Scribner

Galatians 4:8-20

*Hymn of Celebration

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To God Be the Glory

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn

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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

**Those able are encouraged to stand.*

Featured Element of Worship: Psalter

In Reformed churches, we make much of the fact that one of the primary “reforms” of the Reformation was a return to Biblical doctrine. What we sometimes neglect to realize is that another focus was the reformation of corporate worship. Following John Calvin’s lead, the Reformed churches focused on an increase in the amount of Scripture in their worship services. To that end, the singing of Psalms became a prominent feature of their services, since the Psalter is the divinely inspired, inscripturated hymnbook of the people of God.

Recently at Calvary, we introduced *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal*. From hymn #151 to the end of the hymnal, you will find many of the familiar hymns we’ve sung through the years at Calvary, plus a number of theologically rich hymns that may be new to us. The hymns numbered 1-150 though are actually the 150 chapters of the Old Testament Book of Psalms, set to music, some of the tunes being borrowed from hymns we already know. In recent weeks, for instance, we have sung Psalms set to the tunes of *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* and *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*. Those hymns are still in our hymnal and we will continue to sing them regularly, but we also will sing Psalms set to familiar tunes like these to make them easier for us to sing.

The Apostle Paul writes in Colossians 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Following our Savior, this is exactly what we intend to do!