

**Home Worship Liturgy**  
**Eastertide**  
**April 26, 2020**

The Lord be with you! We invite you to combine individual or family worship in your home with a video available on the Calvin Church website at about 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 26.

<https://www.calvincrc.org/recent-services/>

Italicized parts of the liturgy are included in the video, so you can choose to participate along with the video or on your own.

*Piano Call to Worship*

*Greeting:*

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Opening Hymn: "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"*

*(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

If those gathered choose to sing more songs together, here are a few options:

- Sing familiar hymns accompanied by a piano or another instrument, if available.
- Sing familiar hymns a cappella.
- Consult [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org) for hymn lyrics (and some music sheets) to distribute, if necessary.

*Call to Confession*

*In Romans 8, the Word of God promises us that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. So in the assurance of that promise, let's turn to God in confession.*

*Prayer of Confession*

*Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ the risen Lord of life, our sins have been forgiven. We are cleansed, we are forgiven, and we are free! Amen.*

*Hymn: "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength" (stanzas 1, 4, 5)  
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

Before the video prayer, you may wish to speak or journal your own prayers, and then join your prayers to others as you start the video again.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer:*

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.*

*Scripture Reading – The Scripture passage scheduled to be preached this week Sunday, April 26:  
Psalm 61.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God!***

Scripture Reflection – Some options here:

- Worshipers can watch the *video sermon* from Pastor Rebecca. Find the video on Facebook and the church website on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
- Worshipers can read the week's Scripture text ahead of time and each come with thoughts or reflections.
- Worshipers can practice lectio divina with the week's Scripture reading (see the guide on lectio divina at [www.calvincrc.org/bulletins](http://www.calvincrc.org/bulletins)), or another Scripture text.

*Prayer of Application*

*Benediction*

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

*Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers*  
*Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys*  
*Organist: Kenneth Bos*  
*Audio: Bobby Houskamp*  
*Video: Annika Baker*  
*Video Editing: Mark DeKoster*

## Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

$E^b$   $Gm$   $Fm$   $Cm$   
 1 Praise the Sav - ior, now and ev - er; praise him, all be -  
 2 Our work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all our  
 3 Sin's bonds sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has crushed the  
 4 For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

$Cm7$   $F7$   $B^b$   $E^b$   $Gm$   
 neath the skies; self de - ny - ing, suf - fering, dy - ing,  
 right - eous - ness. He, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er  
 ser - pent's head. Death no lon - ger is the stron - ger;  
 Fa - ther sing. Praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

$Fm$   $Cm$   $Cm7$   $F7$   $B^b$   $Cm$   
 on the cross a sac - ri - fice. Vic - tory gain - ing,  
 set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his mer - it  
 hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en  
 Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

$Fm$   $B^b$   $E^b$   $B^b/D$   $B^b_{sus}$   $B^b$   $E^b$   
 life ob - tain - ing, now in glo - ry he doth rise!  
 we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.  
 from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.  
 through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

*Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.*

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 569; tr. Augustus Nelson (1863-1949), alt., P.D.

Music (UPP, MIN TUNGA 8.7.8.7.8.7): *Then Swenska Psalm-Boken*, 1697, P.D.

# 432 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

PSALM 46

1 God is our ref - uge and our strength, our ev - er - pres - ent aid,  
 2 A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the cit - y of our God,  
 3 The na - tions rage, the king - doms move, but when his voice is heard,  
 4 O come and see what won - drous works the hand of God has done;  
 5 "Be still and know that I am God, the LORD whom all must claim;

and there - fore, though the earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid—  
 the ho - ly place where - in the LORD Most High has his a - bode.  
 > earth melts with trem - bling fear be - fore the thun - der of his word.  
 come, see what de - so - la - tion great he brings be - neath the sun.  
 and ev - ery na - tion of the earth shall mag - ni - fy my name."

though hills in - to the seas be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,  
 Since God is in the midst of her, un - moved her walls shall stand;  
 > The LORD of hosts is on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure;  
 In ev - ery cor - ner of the earth he caus - es wars to cease;  
 The LORD of hosts is on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure;

though all the might - y bil - lows shake the moun - tains on the shore.  
 for God will has - ten to her aid when trou - ble is at hand.  
 > the God of Ja - cob is for us a ref - uge strong and sure.  
 the wea - pons of the strong de - stroyed, he makes a - bid - ing peace.  
 the God of Ja - cob is for us a re - fuge strong and sure.

For another setting of Ps. 46 see 892

Words: Scottish Psalter, 1650, alt., P.D.

Music (GERARD/NOEL 8.6.8.6 D): English; adapt. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874, P.D.

