

Home Worship Liturgy
Eastertide
April 19, 2020

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 19.

<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.

Call to Worship:

<https://www.choristersguild.org/store/cga1022-jesus-is-alive/78/>

(Our Cherub and Covenant Choir members have been singing along to this recording at home. You are invited to join them in hearing this song as a call to worship this morning).

Greeting:

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

Opening Hymn: "The Strife is O'er"

(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 for hymn lyrics (and some music sheets) to distribute, if necessary.

Call to Confession

God's Word tells us that if we confess our sins, the resurrected Jesus, who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let's go before our risen Lord in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Lord of life,

Bring new life where we are worn and tired;

new love where we have turned hard-hearted;

forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;

and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where

we are prisoners of ourselves.

*Lord, forgive us and raise us from sin,
so that we may be your faithful people,
following the way of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church. 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: "What Wonderful Love"
(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

*God of life,
your Spirit raised Jesus from dead.
Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture.
Your Spirit draws us to Christ
and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord.
We ask that you will send your Spirit now
to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope
through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. Amen.*

*Scripture Reading – The Scripture passage scheduled to be preached this week Sunday, April 19:
John 20:19-31.
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), or another Scripture text.

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.

Postlude: "Look at the World" by John Rutter

Calvin Christian Reformed Church, April 14, 2019

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Audio: Bobby Houskamp

Video: Annika Baker

Video Editing: Mark DeKoster

185 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Alleluias to be sung at the beginning and conclusion of the hymn

D G D Bm F#m D A D *Fine*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

D G A D

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; he ris - es

Bm D A D G

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry to our

A D A D

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Words: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Cologne, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1861, P.D.

Music (VICTORY 4.4.4.8.8.4): Giovanni da Palestrina, 1591; adapt. and arr. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

What Wondrous Love

PSALM 22

Chords: Dm C Am Dm C Am

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

Chords: C Dm G F

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down; when I was sink-ing
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

Chords: Dm Am Dm C Am

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse
 down be-neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown
 Lamb, who is the great I AM—while mil-lions join the theme,
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty

Chords: Dm C Am C Dm

for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing,
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

For other settings of Ps. 22 see 165, 511, 594

Words: S. Mead's *A General Selection*, 1811, P.D.

Music (WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.9): W. Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Emily R. Brink, 1986,
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