

**Home Worship Liturgy  
Sunday After Ascension  
May 24, 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, May 24.

<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.

*Prelude/Call to Worship: Suite on "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns" [#261] and "Jesus Shall Reign" [#219]—G. Winston Cassler*

*Greeting: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*

*Opening Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" #219:1,3,4,5  
(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:*

*Trusting in God's mercy and power to forgive, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.*

*Prayer of Confession:*

***Almighty God,***

***you have raised Jesus from death to life***

***and crowned him Lord of all.***

***We confess that we have not bowed before him***

***or acknowledged his rule in our lives.***

***We have gone along with the ways of the world***

***and failed to give him glory.***

***Forgive us***

***and raise us from sin,***

***that we may be your faithful people,***

***obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,***

***who rules the world***

***and is head of the church, his body. Amen.***

*Assurance of Pardon (based on Ephesians 2:4-7):*

*Hear the good news of the gospel:*

*God, who is rich in mercy,  
out of the great love with which he loved us  
even when we were dead through our trespasses,  
made us alive together with Christ –  
by grace you have been saved –  
and raised us up with him and seated us with him  
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,  
so that in the ages to come he might show  
the immeasurable riches of his grace  
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
In Christ, by God's grace, we are saved.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

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.***

*Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" #224:1,2,4  
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

*Prayer for Illumination:*

*Blessed are you, Lord God,  
King of all creation:  
You have taught us by your Word.  
Open our hearts to your Spirit  
and lead us on the paths of Christ, your Son.  
All praise and glory be yours forever. Amen.*

*Scripture Reading – The Scripture passage scheduled to be preached this week Sunday, May 24:  
Acts 1:1-11.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God!***

Scripture Reflection – Some options here:

- Worshipers can watch the *video sermon* from Pastor Brad. 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:*

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.*

*Postlude: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" [#224]—Lloyd Larson*

*Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys*

*Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers*

*Organist: Kenneth Bos*

*Audio: Bobby Houskamp*

*Video: Annika Baker*

*Video Editing: Mark DeKoster*

## Jesus Shall Reign

PSALM 72

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners

ces - sive jour - neys run, his king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head. His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring  
 the highest honors to our King,  
 angels descend with songs again,  
 and earth repeat the loud amen.

*For other settings of Ps. 72 see 109, 953*

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt., P.D.

Music (DUKE STREET 8.8.8.8): John Hatton, (1710-1793), 1793, P.D.

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Descant*

4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to  
C G Am F Dm G

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore. Re -  
2 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
3 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, bow  
4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to

gath - er all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall  
C Am D G D7 G F G7/D

joyce, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift up your  
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift up your  
down at his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet. Lift up your  
gath - er all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall

hear the arch - an - gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - joyce!  
Am G F C G7 C

heart, lift up your voice. Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!  
heart, lift up your voice. Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!  
heart, lift up your voice. Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!  
hear the arch - an - gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - joyce!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744, alt., P.D.

Music (DARWALL'S 148th 6.6.6.6.8.8): John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947), P.D.