

Home Worship Liturgy
First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 10, 2021

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 around 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 10.

<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: Partita on “How Bright Appears the Morning Star” – Anne Krentz Organ

Welcome

Call to Worship: Bright and Glorious Is the Sky – Danish hymntune
Louisa Houskamp, soprano; Dorothy Frisch, alto; Kurt Frisch, tenor; Bobby Houskamp, bass

Bright and glorious is the sky,
radiant are the heavens high
where the golden star is shining,
all its rays to earth inclining,
leading to the newborn King,
leading to the newborn King.

As a star, God’s Holy Word
leads us to our King and Lord;
brightly from its sacred pages
shall this light throughout the ages
shine upon our path of life,
shine upon our path of life

Greeting

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit – that Spirit who makes us one with God and one as the people of God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: “As with Gladness Men of Old” (#105:1-3)
(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

*The light has come into the world,
but we have loved darkness rather than light.
Let us confess our sin to God.*

Prayer of Confession

*God of grace,
you have given us Jesus,
the light of the world,
but we choose darkness
and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.
Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.
Baptize us with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may bring your Word to the nations
and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our light forever. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

*People of God, the true light that gives light to everyone
has come into the world.
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are free. Amen!*

Message for Children

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: "Jesus, the Light of the World" (#100:1,2,4)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

Prayer for Illumination

*Holy One, giver of all light,
lift up our hearts and minds to Christ,
the morning star that never fades.
By the light of your Holy Spirit
reveal to us your saving Word
and lead us to offer our lives to you
in service and in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Scripture Reading – The Scripture passage scheduled to be preached this week Sunday, January
10: Ephesians 3:1-13
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!*

Sermon – “Jesus Keeps Us Together”

Prayer of Application

Moment for Mission

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.*

*Doxology: “Go to the World” (#925:1-2)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

Postlude: How Bright Appears the Morning Star – Egil Hovland

Liturgists: Rev. Brad Zwiers and Lori Feenstra
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Moment for Mission: Ron Rozema
Organist/Pianist: Kenneth Bos
Audio: Annika Baker
Video: Hap Hecker
Video Editing: Mark DeKoster

Descant

5 In that glo - rious cit - y bright none shall need cre - a - ted light;
G C G C G D G

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger plain and bare,

you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;
C G C G D G

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore Christ, whom heaven and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,

there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King!
D G C G D G

so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more your splen - dor see.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to you, our heaven - ly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when mortal things are past,
bring our ransomed lives at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds your glory hide.

5 In that glorious city bright
none shall need created light;
you its light, its joy, its crown,
you its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our King!

Words: William C. Dix, 1860, alt., P.D.

Music (DIX 7.7.7.7.7): Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861 P.D.; desc. Sydney H. Nicholson, 1944, © The Royal School of Church Music

Jesus, the Light of the World

1 Hark the her - ald an - gels sing.
 2 Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise.
 3 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored.
 4 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace.

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Glo - ry to the new - born King.
 Join the tri - umph of the skies.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 Hail, the Sun of right - eous - ness!

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Words: ref. George D. Elderkin; st. Charles Wesley (1707-1788), P.D.
 Music (WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT 7.7.7.7 refrain 5.4.10.11.7): George D. Elderkin; arr. Evelyn Simpson-
 Curenton (b. 1953) © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

Refrain E^b

We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.

Cm7 F7 B^b7

Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright. Oh,

E^b A^bmaj7 D^b7

shine all a - round us by day and by night.

E^b/B^b B^b7 E^b *Fine last time* B^b7 *To stanzas*

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Optional acclamation

By the power of your Spirit, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 In times of joy and gladness, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 In times of sorrow and despair, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 Grateful for the light of your Word, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 Grateful for the gift of your church, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**
 Called to witness to your love, **we'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**

[Add other phrases as appropriate. The words for the congregation can be spoken or sung to the first four measures of the refrain above, which can be repeated like a vamp. Conclude by singing the entire refrain or entire hymn.]

Go to the World

Unison G D/G D7 C G/B D7

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go preach the
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place. Go live the
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray; the nights of
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am

G D A D Dm G7

cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing
 word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's
 tears give way to joy - ous day. As ser - vant
 with you till the age shall end, when all the

C2 Am Em Cmaj7 Am G Dsus D

as the sign of our re - birth. Al - le - lu - ia!
 pres - ence in each time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Church, you fol - low Christ's own way. Al - le - lu - ia!
 hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men." Al - le - lu - ia!

Em Bsus B Em C G C/G G

Accompaniment for final stanza