

Wednesday Evening Festival**Chapel hearing loop**
on main floor (not in the outer ring)**Hand tools available** on
ledge by sound booth**Worship Festival**

7 p.m, Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Calvin College Chapel

It would not be difficult to arrange all of [the psalms] according to the petitions of the Lord's Prayer, and thus to show how the Psalter is entirely taken up in the prayer of Jesus.

Life Together and Prayerbook of the Bible, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, page 162

Prelude**Call to Worship: Luke 11:1–4, 11–13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Call to Worship

"Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught"

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Our Father in heaven...

When we call God "Father," we are called to step out, as apprentice children, into a world of pain and darkness.... but if, as the people of the living creator God, we respond to the call to be his sons and daughters; if we take the risk of calling him Father; then we are called to be the people through whom the pain of the world is held in the healing light of the love of God. And we then discover that we want to pray, and need to pray, this prayer.

The Lord and His Prayer, N.T. Wright, page 21

Psalm 116

"I Love the Lord; He Heard My Cry"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 439

Matthew 7:7-11

Song of Response

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 896

Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

Our Father, most Holy, our Creator and Redeemer, our Savior and our Comforter.

Who art in heaven: together with the angels and the saints, giving them light so that they may have knowledge of you, because you, Lord, are Light; inflaming them so that they may love, because you, Lord, are Love; living continually in them and filling them so that they may be happy, because you, Lord, are the supreme good, the eternal good, and it is from you that all good comes, and without you there is no good.

Amen.

Hallowed be your name...

That is, may you be worshiped by your whole creation; may the whole cosmos resound with your praise; may the whole world be freed from injustice, disfigurement, sin, and death, and may your name be hallowed. And as we stand in the presence of the living God, with the darkness and pain of the world on our hearts, praying that he will fulfill his ancient promises, and implement the victory of Calvary and Easter for the whole cosmos—then we may discover that our own pain, our own darkness, is somehow being dealt with as well.

The Lord and His Prayer, N.T. Wright, page 22

Psalm 8

"O Lord, How Excellent"

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Psalm 8

"Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 501

Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

Hallowed be thy name.

May our knowledge of you become ever clearer, so that we may realize the width and breadth of your blessings, the steadfastness of your promises, the sublimity of your majesty, and the depth of your judgments.

Amen.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...

We are praying, as Jesus was praying and acting, for the redemption of the world; for the radical defeat and uprooting of evil; and for heaven and earth to be married at last, for God to be all in all. And if we pray this way, we must of course be prepared to live this way.

The Lord and His Prayer, N.T. Wright, page 31

Choral Anthem

"Lord, Make Me An Instrument"

by M. Roger Holland, II

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where
there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt,
faith; where there is despair, hope; where
there is darkness, light; and where there is
sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to
understand; to be loved, as to love; for it's in giving
that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned; and it's in dying that we are born to eternal
life.*

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Words and Music: attr. St. Francis of Assisi.

Mark 4:26–32

Song of Response

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 737

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Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

Thy kingdom come, so that you may reign in us by your grace and bring us to your Kingdom, where we will see you clearly, love you perfectly, be blessed in your presence, and enjoy you forever.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: so that we may love you with our whole heart by always thinking of you; directing our whole intention with our whole mind towards you and seeking your glory in everything; spending all our powers and affections of soul and body with all our strength in the service of your love alone. May we also love our neighbors as ourselves, encouraging them to love you as best we can, rejoicing at the good fortune of others, just as if it were our own, and sympathizing with their misfortunes, giving offense to no one.

Amen.

Give us this day our daily bread...

We can bring whatever is on our minds and hearts to God in this action, without fear or shame, be our concerns never so agonizing or never so trivial, trusting that, along with the physical bread, the God we call "Father" will give us all that we need, not least healing, forgiveness, support, and courage, in every other department of our lives.

The Lord and His Prayer, N.T. Wright, page 47–48

Psalm 103

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 516

1 Kings 17:6–16

Song of Response

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 348

Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

Give us this day our daily bread, your own beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so to remind us of the love he showed us and to help us understand and appreciate it and everything that he did or said or suffered.

Amen.

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Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors...

The church is to be the advance guard of the great act of Forgiveness of Sins that God intends to accomplish for the entire cosmos. Justice and peace, truth and mercy, will one day reign in God's world; and the church, who could almost be defined as the people who pray the Lord's Prayer, is to model and pioneer the way of life which is, actually, the only way of life, because it is the way of forgiveness. . . . It is our birthright, as the followers of Jesus, to breathe in true divine forgiveness day by day, as the cool, clear air which our spiritual lungs need instead of the grimy, germ-laden air that is pumped at us from all sides. And, once we start inhaling God's fresh air, there is a good chance that we will start to breathe it out too. As we learn what it is like to be forgiven, we begin to discover that it is possible, and indeed joyful, to forgive others.

The Lord and His Prayer, N.T. Wright, page 57, 63

Psalm 51

Sung with Refrain "Create in Me/Crea en mí"

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Matthew 18:21-35

Song of Response

"Give Me a Clean Heart"

Words and Music: Margaret J. Douroux (b. 1941) © 1970 Earl Pleasant Publishing

Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

Forgive us our trespasses, in your infinite mercy,
and by the power of the Passion of your Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ.

As we forgive those who trespass against us, and if we do not forgive perfectly, Lord, make us do so, so that we may indeed love our enemies out of our love for you, and pray fervently to you for them, never returning evil for evil, anxious only to serve everybody in you.

Amen.

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one...

The call to pray this clause of the prayer is therefore the call to be Annunciation-people; Gethsemane-people; and yes, Calvary-people. We are called to live and pray at the place where the world is in pain, so that the hopes and fears, the joy and the pain of the whole world may become, by the Spirit and in our own experience, the hope and fear, the joy and pain of God. By giving us this prayer, then, Jesus invites us to walk ahead into the darkness

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and discover that it, too, belongs to God. But, once we have entered the dark night, the fact that we have done so with the Lord's Prayer on our lips means that, when the darkness breaks it will be (not mere good cheer, but) glory itself that wakes: wakes with the human cry of a small baby, blinking up at his Mother in the sudden light, and seeing in her face, and reading in her heart, the hope and promise that God will triumph over fear, will deliver us from evil, and will bring in his Kingdom at last.

The Lord and His Prayer, N.T. Wright, page 76

Song of Response

"End of the Story"

by Aaron Niequist

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Song of Response

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 465

Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

And lead us not into temptation.
Neither hidden or obvious, sudden or
unforeseen.

But deliver us from evil— present,
past, or to come.

Amen.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

God's kingdom, God's power, and God's glory are what it's all about. It is the prayer that the alternative vision of reality may become, not just a vision, but reality.... The prayer thus encapsulates, once more, the whole life and work of Jesus.... John sums it up this way: the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.... God's glory—Jesus' glory—is full of grace and truth.

The Lord and His Prayer, N.T. Wright, page 81-82

Psalm 100

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Lift Up Your Hearts, 964

Parting Blessing

Psalm Prayer

Lord of all creation, tune the instruments of our lives and choreograph the dance of your church so that, through word and deed, your people may persistently proclaim your glory, majesty, love, and goodness, until everything

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that breathes sings "Hallelujah!" We pray through Jesus
Christ our Lord and Redeemer, who taught us to pray.

Closing Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer"

Harry T. Burleigh

Passing of the Peace

Participants:

María Cornou, Cindy De Boer, Joy-Elizabeth Lawrence, Herbert Tsang, and Joanna Wigboldy, liturgists; James Abbington, Tony Alonso, Matthew Davis, Norma de Waal Malefyt, Janina Jones, Aaron Niequist, Emmett Price, and Kimberly Thevenin, music; and the Scripture Arts Team

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