



Princeton Theological Seminary  
Princeton, New Jersey

# More Than Words

Calvin Symposium on Christian Worship

Thursday, January 21, 2021

11:00 am

## Welcome and Introduction

Rev. Janice Smith Ammon, *Minister of the Chapel*

Dr. Martin Tel, *Director of Music*

Dr. Melissa Haupt, *Chapel Office Program and Publications Manager*

## Prelude

Prince Madathilathu, Lauren March, Mercy Mwadziwe, Heelee Joo Vélez, and Daniel Vélez

## Opening Sentences

Psalm 47:1, 7-8

Kenneth Oduor Ofula, *PhD Candidate*

*Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.*

*For God is sovereign over all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm.*

*God is sovereign over the nations;  
God sits enthroned on high!*

*Clap your hands, all you peoples!*

## Song

“Clap Your Hands, All You Nations”

Yoruba folk song

Allie Senyard, soloist

Clap your hands, all you nations, shout to God.  
Clap your hands, all you nations, shout to God.  
Clap your hands, all you nations, shout to God.  
All you nations, sing a song to the Lord most high.

Lord most high, reigning over all the earth.  
Lord most high, reigning over all the earth.  
Lord most high, reigning over all the earth.  
Every nation praises God with a joyful shout.

*(Hand clapping interlude)*

With a shout, God has gone up with a shout.  
With a shout, God has gone up with a shout.  
With a shout, God has gone up with a shout.  
Sing a song of praise to God. Sing and clap your hands.

## Call to Silent Praise

Psalm 65:1-2

*To You silence is praise, God, in Zion,  
and to You a vow will be paid.*

*O, Listener to prayer,  
unto You all flesh will come.*

*tr. Robert Alter*

## Prayer of Confession

Sarah Chae, *PhD Candidate*

### Choral Response

“And Can It Be?”

arr. Dan Forrest

Michael Ryan, accompanist

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—for me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

*Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love!*

~Charles Wesley, 1738

## Prayer

### Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-30

Noah Buchholz, *PhD Student*

*Read in American Sign Language*

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

## Sermon

“More Than Words”

Rev. Dr. Eric D. Barreto  
*Associate Professor of New Testament*

### Choral Responses

“Wordless Is the Prayer”

arr. Sally Ann Morris

Melissa Haupt, soloist

*Wordless is the prayer that rises from the heart  
too deep for speech yet by the Spirit known and heard: **Oh...***



*Wordless is the hope that guides through gloom and doubt;  
not dulled by time, the balm of all who wait and watch: **Oo...***

*Wordless is the strength that meets the task at hand;  
embodied faith, the silent grace to persevere: **Mm...***

*Wordless is the joy that bursts from tombs of fear;  
all life made new, bright taste of recreating love: **Ah...***

~Carl P. Daw Jr.

## Prayer

*All are invited to sign and sing*

I love the Lord, who heard my cry.

## Song

“I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry”

African American spiritual

Michael Gittens, accompanist

I love the Lord, he heard my cry  
and pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise  
I'll hasten to his throne.

~Isaac Watts

## Blessing

### Choral Response

“And Jesus Said”

Benjamin Brody

Rachel Boden, soloist

*And Jesus said: don't be afraid—  
I've come to turn your fear to hope, I've come to take you through the deep,  
to be your friend until the end, and give your troubled heart to sleep.*

*And Jesus said: don't be afraid—  
I know your emptiness and grief, I hear your words of unbelief,  
but if you will, I'll heal your soul and give your doubting heart relief.*

*And Jesus said: don't be afraid—  
I am the Way, I am the Light, I am the Truth that holds you tight,  
and in God's home you have a room, a place of welcome and delight.*

~Shirley Erena Murray

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### Princeton Seminary Chapel Choir

#### Soprano

Olivia Flint  
Melissa Haupt  
Katrina Heath  
Rachel Johnson  
Maddie Lannon  
Austin Shelley  
Emilyanne Shelley  
Emily Sutphin

#### Alto

Rachel Boden  
Margaret Brungard  
Sarah Chae  
Megan DeWald  
Kelsey Lambright  
Alex Miller-Knaack  
Tanya Regli  
Allie Senyard  
Ellen White  
Chelsea Williams  
Tara Woodward

#### Tenor

Luke Bultena  
Otis Byrd Jr.  
Noah Gourlie  
Andy Jones  
Jeremy Kim  
Brian Regli

#### Bass

Henry Burt  
Ryon Herin  
David King  
James Klotz  
Riley Lannon  
Peter Manning  
Char Mansfield  
Wesley Rowell  
Brandon Smee

### Instrumentalists for “Wordless Is the Prayer”

Michael Gittens,  
*organ and piano*

Mckenzie Kramer, *cello*  
Bethany Cok, *violin*

Hyun Kyoung Kim, *flute*  
Eric Rasmussen, *guitar*

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