
Jazz Vesper Service

Calvin Symposium on Worship

Seminary Chapel

January 30 and 31, 2014 at 4:15pm

Reflection

Because I longed for eternal life, I went to bed with harlots and drank for nights on end...I soared in bliss, but awoke with the bitter taste of mortality.

— Albert Camus, *The Fall*

Everything's supposed to be different than what it is here.

— Mac, in *Grand Canyon*

Who is this Christ, who interferes in everything?

— Rainer Maria Rilke, *The Workman's Letter*

I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene. Jesus is too colossal for the pen of the phrase-mongers, however artful... No one can read the gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life.

— Albert Einstein, interview *Saturday Evening Post*

Prelude — *Just as I Am* — Bradbury/arr. Jon Cowherd

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me
and that thou bidst me come to thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Preparing for Worship

Hymn

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

David Clowney, 1960

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824



1. God, all na - ture sings thy glo - ry, and thy works pro - claim thy might;
 2. Clear - er still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
 3. But our sins have spoiled thine im - age; na - ture, con - science on - ly serve
 4. God of glo - ry, pow - er, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion prais - es thee;



or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens, or - dered course of day - and night;
 rul - er of cre - a - tion's glo - ry, im - age of thy maj - es - ty.
 as un - ceas - ing, grim re - mind - ers of the wrath which we de - serve
 we, thy crea - tures, would a - dore thee now and thru e - ter - ni - ty.



beau - ty in the chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing sea;
 Mu - sic, art, the fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days,
 Yet thy grace and sav - ing mer - cy in thy Word of truth re - vealed
 Saved to mag - ni - fy thy good - ness, grant us strength to do thy will;



all the chang - ing moods of na - ture praise the change-less Trin - i - ty.
 are the call - ing of his Mak - er to the har - vest feast of praise.
 claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Je - sus sealed.
 with our acts as with our voic - es thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.

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Call to Worship — 1 Chronicles 29

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

*All: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.*

Leader: For everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

*All: Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.*

Leader: In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

*All: Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.*

Songs of Praise

I Give You Glory/Te doy la Gloria

Rance Green



I give You glo - ry, I give You hon - or, I give You my life, I give You
Te doy la glo - ria, te doy la hon - ra, Te doy mi vi - da, te a - la - ba -



praise. I give You glo - ry, I give You hon - or, I give You
re. Te doy la glo - ria, te doy la hon - ra, Te doy mi



my life I give You praise. For You are my sweet Sal -
vi - da, te a - la - ba - re. Er - es mi dul - ce Sal - va -



va - tion. You are my bless - ed Re - deem - er. You died for
dor. Y mi ben - di - to Re - den - tor. Por mi mo -

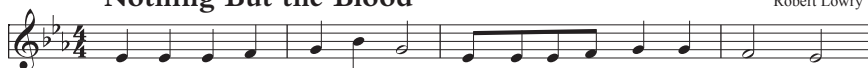


me, and gave me Your life. I give You my life, I give You praise.
ris - te, me dis - te vi - da. Te doy mi vi - da, te a - la - ba - re.

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Nothing But the Blood

Robert Lowry



1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. For my par - don this I see, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. This is all my hope and peace, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
For my cleans - ing this my plea, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
Naught of good that I have done, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my right - eous - ness, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.



O, pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow; —



No oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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Prayer of Adoration *(Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Silent Praise and Thanksgiving

Song of Praise

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend



1. How deep the Fath - er's love for us. How vast be - yond all meas - ure. That
(additional lyrics below)



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How



great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fath - er turns His face a - way, as



wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.

2. Behold a Man upon the cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'rs, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Scripture Reading — *Philippians 2: 1-11*

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. (NIV)

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich.

We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We attend to our own needs and concerns, yet fail to care for others except when it serves our purposes.

Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

Private Confession

Confessional Response

Give Me Jesus

African-American spiritual



1. O when I am a-lone, O when I am a-lone, O
2. In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise, in the
3. O when I come to die, O when I come to die, O



when I am a-lone, give me Je - sus. Give me
morn -ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
when I come to die, give me Je - sus.



Je - sus, give me Je - sus. You may



have all this world, give me Je - sus.

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Words of Encouragement — 1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Scripture Reading — *Psalm 146: 1, 6-10*

¹ Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,

⁸ the Lord gives sight to the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord. (NIV)

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Song of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

William M. Runyan, 1923



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -



vi - ded Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Final Song

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Numbers 6:24-26

Tom Jennings

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine up-on
you and give you peace, and give you peace. The Lord be
gra-cious to you and give you peace. A-men, A-men,
men. The Lord be gra-cious to you and give you peace.

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Benediction

Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who
love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude — *James* — Pat Metheny

Worship Musicians

Jonathan Gilley — bass
Tom Jennings — piano

Fred Knapp — drums
Julia Smith — song leader