



# Calvary Baptist Church

*Open to all. Closed to none.*

## Order of Worship

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

### March 22, 2020

#### Prelude

*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*  
Denise Lanning, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Centering Prayer:*

*Lord of love, you have taught us that love is your greatest commandment.  
Teach us to love as unconditionally as you love us. Amen.*

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### Extinguishing the Light

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

One: As we journey to the cross with Jesus throughout this wilderness season of Lent,  
we extinguish one candle each Sunday as we draw nearer to his death on Good Friday.

*Silence as Candle is Extinguished*

One: Acknowledging the uncertainty we are in now, and the darkness that is still yet to come,

**All: *we confess our own participation in that darkness  
as people who sometimes fail to be the Light of Christ to the world.***

#### Welcome & Time of Greeting

Rev. Alice Horner-Nelson

We are glad you have joined us for our virtual worship service this morning. Please let us know you are worshipping with us by posting pictures of you or your family worshipping in your home on Facebook or Instagram and tagging Calvary Baptist Church of Denver.

#### Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Denise Lanning, organ; Anne Comstock, vocals

ST. DENIO

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; In

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most  
all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all; we  
bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -  
blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree, And  
might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.

### Call to Worship

Revs. Alice Horner-Nelson & Matt Nelson

One: God our Provider,

**All: *this morning we each need you in a different way.***

One: Some of us need strength,

**All: *because we are feeling helpless and powerless.***

One: Some of us need hope,

**All: *because we are feeling disappointed, sad, or stressed.***

One: Some of us need comfort,

**All: *because we are feeling so very alone.***

One: Some of us need compassion,

**All: *because we are feeling angry and upset.***

One: Some of us need peace,

**All:** *because we are feeling unsettled and anxious about the future.*

One: All of us need your loving assurance,

**All:** *because we are living through such an unknown and uncertain time.*

One: Send your Spirit to surround us.

**All:** *Give us strength, hope, comfort, compassion, peace, and loving assurance.*

One: Guide us hour by hour and day by day with your presence.

**All:** *Be our Vision.*

*Be our Wisdom.*

*Be our Light.*

## Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Matt Nelson, guitar & vocals

SLANE



1. Be Thou my\_\_ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be Thou my\_\_ wis - dom and Thou my true Word;  
3. Riches I \_\_ heed not nor an emp - ty praise



Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
thou, mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;



Thou my\_\_ best\_\_ thought, by day or by night,\_\_\_\_  
Thou my\_\_ soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow - er,  
thou and\_\_ thou\_ on - ly, first in my heart,\_\_\_\_



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy\_\_ pres - ence my light.  
Thou in me dwell - ing, O\_\_ power of my power.  
High King of Heav - en, my\_\_ trea - sure thou art.

## Word for God's Children

Angela Leonard

If your children are not already in the room, now is a great time to invite them to join you!

## Moment of Gratitude

Marlys Marshall

## Offertory

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## *This Is My Song*

Anne Comstock

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine;  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:  
Let Thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done.  
In peace may all earth's people draw together,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations;  
Myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.*

Text: L. Stone & G Harkness. Music: J. Sibelius. From *Celebrating Grace* Hymnal

### **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

### **Time of Prayer**

Revs. Alice Horner-Nelson & Matt Nelson

*Sung Refrain:*

**Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

*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. Amen.**

### **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 12:28-44*

Susan Wirt

New Revised Standard Version

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup> and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? <sup>36</sup> David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

<sup>37</sup> David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight. <sup>38</sup> As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." <sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.

## Sung Response

**What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?  
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.  
To seek justice and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.**

## A Sabbath Moment

### Silence

Throughout Lent our Sabbath moment will be silence. We began with thirty seconds of silence the first week, and are adding thirty seconds each week as we grow in our practice of sitting in silence as a community. This week we will hold silence for two minutes.

## Message

*Drawing Near as we Draw Apart*

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

## Hymn

*They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

ST. BRENDAN'S



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the  
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in  
4. All \_ praise to the Fa - ther, from \_ whom all things



Lord; We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the  
hand; We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in  
come; And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His \_ on - ly \_



Lord. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -  
hand. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our  
Son. And all praise to the Spir - it, who \_ makes \_ us \_



-stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our  
land.  
one.



love, yes they'll know \_ we are Chris - tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_



## Service Notes

**Lent** is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *Lenten*, which means “spring.” The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, self-reflection, and preparation for the coming of Easter. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter” and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

The **prelude** and **postlude** are based on the same hymn-tune, *LIEBSTER JESU*, found in many Christian hymnals. Karg-Elert (1877-1933) employs chromaticism, and presents the tune in canon (a round) between the tenor and bass voices. Bach (1685-1750) writes out the tune in a straightforward manner, tune in the soprano, with a simple harmonization.

The **Moment of Gratitude** is written by **Marlys Marshall**. Marlys and her husband Bill joined Calvary on the last Sunday Rev. Larry Loughhead was here in 1992. They have 5 Children +3 spouses, 5 grandchildren +2 spouses, and 2 1/3 great grandchildren. Marlys is the volunteer coordinator in church office, was enrollment secretary before computers and the church clerk. She enjoys bowling, reading, watching movies, crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

Today’s **soloist is Anne Comstock**. Anne and her husband, Jim, joined Calvary in 2000. She is blessed daily by the Calvary community and has served in many diverse ways from music to nursery! Anne has worked in the child welfare field for 30 years and especially enjoys her role of grandma to five amazing grandkids.

The **Gospel Reading** is read by **Susan Wirt**. Susan has been a member of Calvary since 1986. Susan serves on the Stewardship Committee, volunteers with Family Promise, reads with third graders at Stedman Elementary as part of the Calvary/New Hope partnership, and participates in Monday Pub and the Calvary book group. Susan is retired and enjoys hiking, reading, traveling, and going to movies and the theater.

The **Scripture** for today comes from **Year 2 (Mark)** of the **Narrative Lectionary (NL)**, a four-year cycle of readings for use in worship that provide an overview of the biblical story by focusing on a different gospel and different Old and New Testament texts each year. The NL follows the program year—Sept. to May—and is shaped by the church calendar:

- *Old Testament*: From Labor Day through Advent, Old Testament readings move through the story of God’s interactions with Israel and culminate in Advent with the prophets’ longing and hope for the coming Messiah.
- *Gospel*: From Christmas to Easter, readings from one Gospel tell the story of the birth of the Messiah at Christmas, the revelation of the Messiah during Epiphany, and Jesus’ passion through Lent and Holy Week.
- *Early Church*: From Easter Sunday through the Day of Pentecost, readings from the Gospels, Acts, and Paul’s letters reveal the power of the Holy Spirit in the early church’s story.
- Summer Readings from the Sunday after Pentecost through the summer are flexible and include different miniseries on books of the bibles or topics such as The Ten Commandments or the Lord’s Prayer, etc.

The **Sung Response to Scripture** (which we will sing throughout the season of Lent) comes from our hymnal, *Celebrating Grace*, and is based on the hymn tune, *MOON*.

Today’s **worship video** was compiled by **Damon Scalfaro**. Sermons are usually uploaded to Calvary’s Facebook page, YouTube page, and website within 24 hours following worship.

**Staff notes**: David Farwig is ill. Pastor Morgan is on parental leave.



## Prayer

**VIP (“Very Inspiring Person”) of the Week** – Andy Gibbs

**Student of the Week** – Nathan Goodman

**In the Hospital** – Jeanine Crane

**In Longterm Care** – Dick & Olga Ashworth, Lyle Baumgartner, Helen Cheatham, Earlie Delley, Andy Gibbs, Topsy Miller, Ruth Shanklin

**In Hospice Care** – Jane Lehrmann

**Congratulations to** – Jordan Grohskopf on getting her CCRN accreditation on March 16

**Love & Sympathy to** –

- Becky Worford and family upon the death of Becky's husband Don on March 16
- Carol Willard and family upon the death of Carol's husband John Pipe on March 17

**Newly Added/Updated under Friends & Family** –

- David Farwig, ill with symptoms of COVID-19
- Morgan Fletcher's Great Uncle Bob, prostate cancer diagnosis
- Update on Daniel Lind, Krysta Baglien's cousin who has COVID-19 - he has woken up and is breathing on his own without a ventilator!

**We continue to remember in prayer** – John Anduri, Babu Bachu, Edythe Berglund, Norma Briola, Mike & Lorri Burck, Cory Crile, Barbara Ford, Betty Goding, Bob Hoffmaster, Allie Hulst, Jack Hulst, Kim Lenz, Don Miller, Calvin Moore, Tom Moss, Diane Newcom, Lynette Pahs, Brad Porter, Les Redifer, Maya Sjoberg, Dena Stanton, Tut Wang

**Prayer list additions and edits** may be sent to [ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org](mailto:ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org).

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## Giving at a Glance

Last Week's Gifts Received (3/8 to 3/14)	\$11,812
Weekly Giving Goal	\$14,478
YTD Gifts Received (1/1 to 3/14)	\$199,160
YTD Goal for Giving (1/1 to 3/31)	\$188,217



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