



# Calvary Baptist Church

*Open to all. Closed to none.*

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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

April 7, 2019



**Calvary is a Christ-like community that experiences and shares God's love.**

**Calvary welcomes and affirms all people as children of God from every cultural and religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, economic means, race, age, and gender.**

# Order of Worship

*At any time you can ask yourself: At which threshold am I now standing? At this time in my life, what am I leaving? Where am I about to enter? What is preventing me from crossing my next threshold? What gift would enable me to do it? A threshold is not a simple boundary; it is a frontier that divides two different territories, rhythms and atmospheres.*

- John O'Donohue, Irish poet and priest (1956-2008)

The + symbol invites you to rise in body or spirit as you are comfortable.

In the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

## Prelude

*Deep River*

R. Powell

## Chiming of the Hour

## Extinguishing the Light

Lynda & Gordon Pelton

One: As we journey to the cross with Jesus throughout 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 coming darkness,

**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. Anne J. Scalfaro

Welcome to Calvary! We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please let us know you are here by filling out the Welcome Registry. Pass the registry along the pew and back again to the center aisle to see who is joining you in worship today and to learn a fun fact about them!

If this is your *first* time worshipping with us, we offer you a gift: a loaf of bread, which is a reminder that Jesus is the "bread of life" that nourishes our life in community together. To receive your loaf of bread, when we stand to greet one another, please raise your hand to let our ushers know that this is your first time at Calvary. If you prefer, you can cross your arms and offer a verbal greeting which acknowledges you do not consent to be touched.

## + Hymn

*Come and Feast, for All are Welcomed*

1. Come and feast, for all are wel-comed at God's ta-ble  
2. Here we nur-ture and en-cour-age as we share this  
3. See the chal-ice lift-ed up-ward; smell the fra-grant,  
4. With the Spir-it-blessed com-mis-sion, "Go and serve this

spread with love. Come pro-claim God's grace and good-ness  
com-mon meal, while we fos-ter deep com-mun-ion  
bro-ken bread; taste the gifts from field and vine-yard;  
meal to all," take its love and peace-ful vi-sion



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## + Call to Worship

Steve Allexan & Gaawar Tuom

- Gaawar: We gather this day to acknowledge a threshold moment –  
a thin place between what has been and what is to be –  
between what has been studied, learned, and accomplished,  
and all the more there that is to study and learn and do.
- Steve: It is so very good to mark growth in celebration,  
and so very good as well, to celebrate having further to grow –  
to note a mile-marker on the longer way,  
and to take joy both in the distance traveled and the distance yet ahead.
- Gaawar: Bless those who have gone before us and those who will come after us.  
And bless us, who now stand in this liminal time and space today –  
this threshold of looking back and looking ahead.
- Steve: May it be with a sense of both gratitude and anticipation.  
May it be with an awareness of how we grow our whole life long with our whole person –  
minds, bodies, spirits, and emotions.
- All:** ***May we journey together with a profound sense  
of what it means to make our way,  
from where we have been and where we are going, within the way of Jesus.  
Let us worship our great and always-present God,  
who carries us through each season of life.***

## + Songs

*How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art*

The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
It trembles at His voice, it trembles at His voice  
How great is our God, Sing with me how great is our God  
And all will see how great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead, Three in One – Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb  
How great is our God, sing with me how great is our God  
And all will see how great, how great is our God

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Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee / How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
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## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

Erin Gangloff

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Word for God's Children

Todd Clough

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to the chancel steps.

## Reflection

Chris Jonell

## Offertory

*We Sing to You, O God*  
Calvary Choir

arr. T. Keesecker

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## + 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

Kevin Kirubakaran

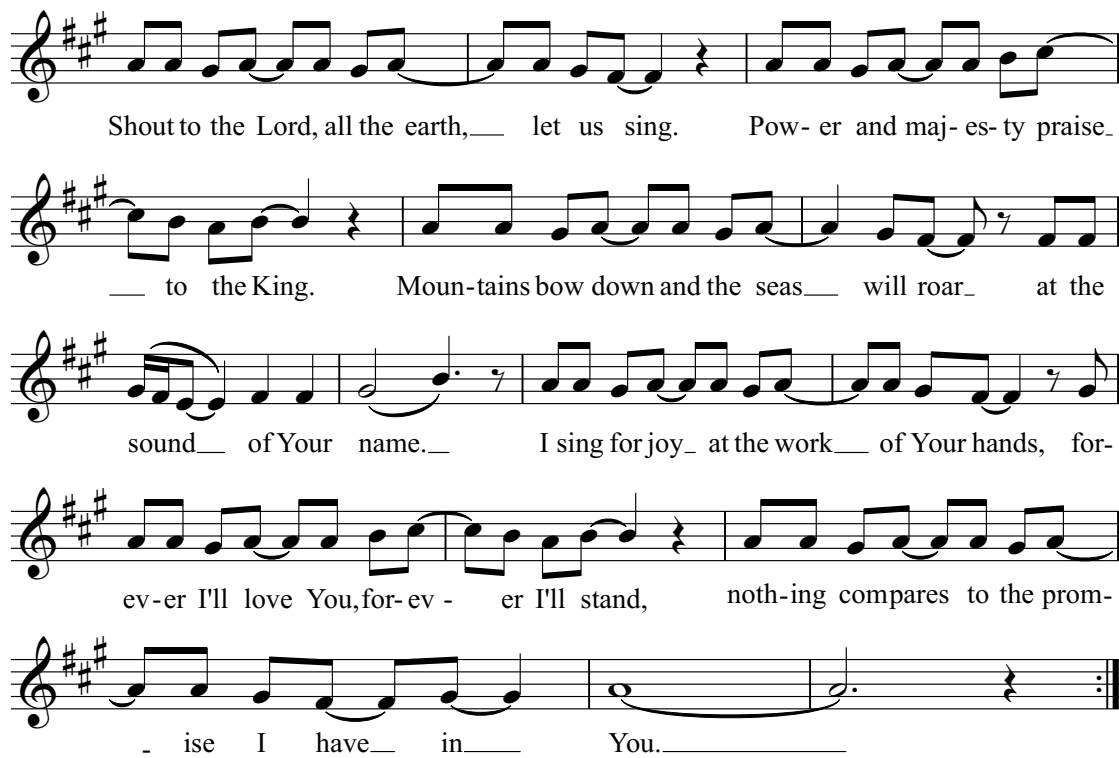
## Reflection

Dheenu Bachu

## + Song

*Shout to the Lord*

My Je-sus, my Sav-iour, Lord, there is none like You; All of my days  
I want to praise the won-ders of Your might - y love.  
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;  
Let ev'-ry breath, all that I am, nev-er cease to wor - ship You.



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## Reflection

Thurbil Bile

## Communion

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Calvary practices open communion, which means that this is not “Calvary’s table” or exclusively a “Baptist table;” this is the Lord’s Table. *All* are welcome! Communion is served by intinction. Simply take off a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. The bread is gluten-free. If you are unable to get up out of your seat, raise your hand and we will bring the elements to you in your seat.

### *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.**

## Communion Music

*Humbly We Adore Thee*

G. Near

## + Passing the Peace

**One:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Many:** **And also with you.**

Please stand and share a word of peace with those around you. If you prefer, you can cross your arms and offer a verbal peace which acknowledges you don’t consent to be touched.

## Time of Blessing for Graduating Seniors

Revs. Morgan C. Fletcher,  
Alice Horner-Nelson, & Anne J. Scalfaro

### *Class of 2019*

*Dheebena Bachu – Rock Canyon High School*

*Thurbil Bile – Overland High School*

*Jessica Blethen – Eaglecrest High School*

*Emma Goodrum – Cherry Creek High School*

*Chris Jonell – Arapahoe High School*

*Kevin Kirubakaran – Legend High School*

*Gaawar Tuom – Eaglecrest High School*

*Quinton Vinson – Horizon High School*

### ***Prayer for the Families***

Anne: God of Mercy and love, enfold these parents with your grace. Increase in them a spirit of wisdom and generosity. Teach them to release into your care those whom they hold most dear. Help them to remember that they can neither walk the journey for their graduating student or shield them from pain. Renew their strength and rekindle their passion as they discover anew your calling on their lives. And through the years, bring these parents and students back to one another, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends – a holy family – from generation to generation.

**All: Amen.**

### ***Prayer for Graduating Seniors***

Alice: Gracious God, we give you thanks for these students. We celebrate who they are and the adults they have become. As their lives become more their own, make your presence known to them. Surround them with true friends and steadfast mentors. Help them to discover their own giftedness and use those gifts to your glory. Keep away temptations which would keep them from becoming who you intend them to be. Awaken in them a desire for what is truly good and life-giving. Hold them in your love and grace. And now, we pray, protect and bless them as they go forth to do the work you have given them to do.

**All: Amen.**

### ***Prayer for the Congregation***

**All: *May our Almighty God fill us all with courage, wisdom, and joy.  
May Jesus Christ be our guide and never-failing friend,  
making us strong in faith, and growing our curiosity as life-long learners.  
May the Holy Spirit guide us in truth and lead us in paths everlasting.  
And may the blessing of God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
rest upon us all this day and forevermore. Amen.***

### **Presentation of Gifts**

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

#### **+ Song of Response**

#### ***Step by Step***

During this song there are multiple ways you may respond. You may receive prayer, anointing, or communion in the back of the sanctuary. You may also come forward to make public your profession of faith in Christ, request baptism, share that you would like to become a member of this church family, share how God is leading you to answer a call to ministry, or share any way that God is at work in your life.

O God, You are my\_ God, and I will ev-er praise\_ You.

O God, You are my\_ God, and I will ev-er praise\_ You.

I will seek You in the morn - ing,\_\_\_ and I will

learn to walk in Your ways; And step by step You'll lead

\_\_\_ me\_\_\_ and I will fol - low You all of my\_\_\_ days.

## Announcements

Rev. Alice Horner-Nelson

## Benediction

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

## Postlude

*Christ Who Makes Us Blessed*

J.S. Bach

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please leave the sanctuary quietly for those who wish to continue worshipping through the postlude.

*All are invited to greet our graduating seniors at a reception in Fellowship Hall!*



## Service Notes

**Childcare** is available in the nursery for children up to age 5. Worship bags for older children are in the narthex.

**Hearing Assistance:** If you need additional amplification, ask an usher for a hearing assistance device, which provides a direct feed into a headset or compatible hearing aids.

The **paraments** are **purple** today for the **Fifth Sunday in Lent**. 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. Calvary’s Lenten theme is Challenge + Celebration: “Yes, life pushes you to your limits...and celebration can come in unexpected places.”

**Please visit the ritual station in the narthex to participate in our Challenge + Celebration practices.**

Today is **Senior Sunday**. We recognize our students who are graduating from high school this year, and celebrate their unique gifts as they lead us in worship. Calvary presents graduating seniors with a “college survival kit.”

**Extinguishing the Light** is led by **Lynda and Gordon Pelton**. Lynda and Gordon have been key volunteers with our youth and children for years, as well as Family Promise. Gordon serves as Property Chair on Resource Management and Lynda is on Finance Committee and volunteers in the nursery.

The **Call to Worship** is led by **Gaawar Tuom** (a graduating senior) and **Steve Allexan**. Steve is a retired Petroleum Geologist. He has been married to Suzanne for 33 years. His favorite service projects with ABY were in Alaska and Alamosa. He loves sitting in the balcony.

Our **Old Testament reading** is read by **Erin Gangloff**. Erin Bessey Gangloff has been a Calvary member since birth in 1983. She was dedicated, baptized, married and had her own daughter (Aubrey Leigh) dedicated in the church. Her parents (Tim and Leigh Bessey) and grandparents are also members. Erin is the Managing Director of Programs for the Colorado Golf Association. In her spare time, you will find her and husband either chasing or watching their four-year old daughter doing dance, gymnastics, climbing or golf!

The **Word for God’s Children** is led by **Todd Clough**. Todd retired as the CEO from the Denver Inner City Parish after 30 years of service a year and a half ago. He is now living on a ranch west of Shawnee Colorado with his two dogs, 8 chickens, three feral barn cats and lots of trout. He is keeping plenty busy with his art (in five galleries - you can visit him at the Denver Art Society at 734 Santa Fe every First Friday Art Walk in his permanent gallery space in the basement) guiding fly-fishing trips, writing and teaching an art therapy class once a week at a homeless day center. Todd has been a member of Calvary for many years and currently serves on the Stewardship Committee.

The **Calvary Choir**, under the direction of Dr. David Farwig and accompanied by Denise Lanning, is open to all adults age 18+.

Today’s communion was prepared by **Jeremy Clements & Janet Kerlin**. Today’s servers are **Fred & Anne Michel, Ron & Libby Johnson, Jim & Anne Comstock, and Ken & Karen Pinkham**.

Today’s **sound tech** is **Tessa Farland**. Today’s **worship videographer** is **Damon Scalfaro**. Sermons are usually uploaded to Calvary’s Facebook page, YouTube page, and website within 24 hours following worship.



## Prayer

**VIP (“Very Inspiring Person”) of the Week** – Jan Taylor

**Student of the Week** – Heather Michel

**Congregational Mission Partner Prayer Focus** – Nancy Benyamin,  
Volunteer Services Director, Jewish Family Service

**In Longterm Care/Rehab** – Andy Gibbs, Jan Taylor, Topsy Miller, Glenn Hill,  
John Pipe

**In Hospice Care** – Jane Lehrmann, Marie Rountree

**Love & Sympathy** – To Edythe Berglund, whose brother Fred died recently in Philadelphia, PA.

To Sharon Murphy upon the loss of her mother, Dona Howe Amdor (age 93), who died on March 29.

**Congratulations** to Chol Tuom who will receive her American citizenship on April 11<sup>th</sup>!

**We continue to remember in prayer** - Dick & Olga Ashworth, Babu & Lakshmi Bachu, Edythe Berglund, Harry & Pat

Crandall, Jeanine Crane, Cory Crile, Betty Goding, Debbie Honeker, Allie Hulst, John Kimley, Andy Kowalski, Kim Lenz, Don Miller, Calvin Moore, Lynette Pahs, Art Phurrough, Les & Patty Redifer, Judy Tate, Kellona Bain Burke, Ken Pinkham, Gary Johnson, Jimmy Doolittle, Karen Chapman

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

**Calvary Prayer Phone** – Want to connect with those needing prayer? Each Friday Judy Griswold updates the prayer phone, including a short devotional. Dial 303-756-1034, ext. 300 any time of night or day for the latest prayer concerns/celebrations and current information about hospitalizations, deaths, births, etc.



### **Giving At A Glance:**

Last Week - \$12,027

Weekly Goal \$13,900

YTD Gifts Received - (1/1 to 3/30) \$200,879

YTD Goal for Giving (1/1 to 3/31) \$180,717

**Church Office Hours** – *staffed by volunteers*

**Mon-Thurs, 9:00am – 4:30pm**

(lunch hour, 12:30-1:30pm)

#### **Sunday, April 7**

8:45 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)  
9:00 a.m. Library Open (L)  
9:00 a.m. Church School (EW, YL, WW)  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (FH)  
10:30 a.m. Worship (S)  
12:00 p.m. Senior Reception (FH)  
12:00 p.m. Church-wide Game Day (FH)  
5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)  
6:30 p.m. The Gathering (FH)

#### **Monday, April 8**

9:00 a.m. Bootstraps & Blessings (N)  
6:30 p.m. GPS Monday Night Pub (Piccolo's)

#### **Tuesday, April 9**

9:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer & Study Group (BR)  
9:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study (YL)  
12:00 p.m. GPS Group - Ukrainian Eggs (YL)  
6:30 p.m. Healing & Wholeness Service (C)

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

1:00 p.m. Inner Matrix GPS (L)  
3:00 p.m. Executive Advisory Mtg (BR)

#### **Thursday, April 11**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

#### **Saturday, April 13**

9:00 a.m. Calvary Women Spring Brunch (FH)  
10:00 a.m. Creativity & Conversation (Rm 316/320)  
11:00 a.m. International Congregation (Rms 300/306)

#### **Sunday, April 14 – PALM SUNDAY**

8:45 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)  
9:00 a.m. Library Open (L)  
9:00 a.m. Church School (EW, YL, WW)  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (FH)  
10:30 a.m. Worship (S)  
5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)  
6:30 p.m. The Gathering (FH)  
6:30 p.m. Threshold Monthly Potluck (YL)



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Location Key		(L)	Library
(BR)	Boardroom	(MR)	Music Room
(C)	Chapel	(N)	Narthex
(EW)	East Wing	(PS)	Pastor's Study
(FH)	Fellowship Hall	(S)	Sanctuary
(FP)	Fireplace Room	(WW)	West Wing
(G)	Gym	(YL)	Youth Lounge

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