

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP - *adapted from Psalm 1:1-2*

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

Or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

But their delight is in the law of the Lord,

And on God's law they meditate day and night.

OPENING HYMN

Calvary Covers It All

1. Far dear - er than all that the world can im - part Was the mes - sage that
 2. The stripes that He bore and the thorns that He wore Told His mer - cy and
 3. How match - less the grace, when I looked on the face Of this Je - sus, my
 4. How bless - ed the thought, that my soul by Him bought, Shall be His in the

came to my heart; How that Je - sus a - lone for my sin did a - tone,
 love ev - er - more; And my heart bowed in shame as I called on His name,
 cru - ci - fied Lord; My re - demp - tion com - plete I then found at His feet,
 glo - ry on high; Where with glad - ness and song I'll be one of the throng,

Refrain

And Cal - va - ry cov - ers it all. Cal - va - ry cov - ers it

all, My past with its sin and stain; My guilt and de - spair Je - sus

took on Him there, And Cal - va - ry cov - ers it all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice, how often we have turned our heads away when others were in trouble. We have ignored silent cries for help by telling ourselves we should not interfere. We have lied to ourselves when we said there was nothing we could do to help. Forgive us when we fail to act or speak on behalf of the weak or vulnerable. Move us to act like Jesus the shepherd, who loved the sheep and protected them from the dangers of those who would harm them. Grant us the wisdom to know what to do, and the courage to do it. Through Christ, we pray...*Time of silent reflection*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE - *John 3:16-17*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end! Amen, Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 10:1-10

SERMON

HYMN

And Can It Be?

- 1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest in
 - 2. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so in -
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in sin
 - 4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread: Je - sus, and all

the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain?
 fi - nite His grace! Emp - tied Him - self of all but love,
 and na - ture's night. Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray:
 in Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head,

For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 And bled for Ad - am's help - less race! 'Tis mer - cy all,
 I woke the dun - geon flamed with light! My chains fell off,
 And clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach

how can it be That Thou, my God should
 im - mense and free, For, O my God, it
 my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, And claim the crown, thru

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die for me?
found out me. A - maz - ing love! how can it
fol - lowed Thee. A - maz - ing love! how
Christ my own.

can it be

be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O gracious one, you have set us in a time and place where we have freedom of expression, freedom to worship, freedom to grow and develop. Help us to remember those who do not have such freedoms. May our gifts and our lives be used in such a way as to bring the necessities of life to those who do not have access to them, and to break down the borders of injustice so that all people may live free. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER with 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

He Lives

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day;
 2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care,
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say;
 And tho' my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;
 E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer,
 I know that He is lead - ing thro' all the storm - y blast,
 The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,

And just the time I need Him He's al - ways near.
 The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 None oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

Refrain
 He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and
 He lives, He lives,

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talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal-
 He lives, He lives,

va - tion to im - part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with-in my heart.

CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major

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