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A Service of Evening Prayer

Calvin College Chapel
4:00 p.m., Saturday
January 11, 1997

Leader: You call a people for your own, to be a blessing among the nations,
to restore the land and share out afresh the desolate fields,
to free the captives and those in darkness.

People: You make pastures bloom on barren hills;
you lead those parched with thirst beside springs of water.

Leader: Shout for joy, O heavens! Rejoice, O earth!
Burst into song, O mountains.
For the Lord comforts his people and shows compassion to the afflicted.

People: Blessed are you, sovereign God, Source of light and life! Amen.

Proclamation and Response

Anthem *Set Me As a Seal*

René Clausen

Prayer for Illumination

Reader: Creator of every wondrous light of heaven, grant us your life-giving
Spirit, that we may understand your precepts, meditate on your mighty
works, and catch the reflection of your lovingkindness in every rising
sun and every flake of snow. Through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all
creation, in whom all things hold together.

People: Amen.

*Psalm 148: *Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him*

Psalter Hymnal 148

Verse 1: all (unison)

Verses 2-3: all (harmony)

New Testament Scripture: Colossians 1:9-20

**Christ, You Are the Fullness*

Psalter Hymnal 229

Verses 1-3: all (unison)

Sermon *God, the Music Lover*

Anthem *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

André Thomas

The Prayers

Leader: Eternal and everlasting God, from the rising of the sun to its setting your name is great among the nations. Accept the incense of our praise, the pure offering of our thanksgiving.



The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie eleison prayer. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the accompaniment is on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son". Above the first staff, the word "Choir:" is written above the first measure, and "All:" is written above the second measure. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

Leader: Lord, whose name is blessed on every shore, we pray for your church universal, and especially for the congregations and traditions represented here today. Grant that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory throughout the world.

Choir: Kyrie eleison,

All: Kyrie eleison.

Leader: Lord, whose name is blessed on every shore, we pray for the people of this nation and of all nations. Guide each of us in the ways of justice and peace, that together we may honor one another, serve the common good, and work for the coming of your everlasting kingdom.

Choir: Kyrie eleison,

All: Kyrie eleison.

Leader: Lord, whose name is blessed on every shore, we pray for the good earth that you have made. Make each of us a faithful steward of your creation, that together we may use its resources well, in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Choir: Kyrie eleison,

All: Kyrie eleison.

Leader: Lord, whose name is blessed on every shore, we pray for those who are dearest to us. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours; grant that we may serve you by loving one another as you love us.

Choir: Kyrie eleison,

All: Kyrie eleison.

Leader: Lord, whose name is blessed on every shore, we pray for those who are in need. Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give justice to all who suffer oppression; give daily bread to all who suffer poverty. Give courage and hope to those who are in despair, and bring them into the joy of your salvation.

Choir: Kyrie eleison,

All: Kyrie eleison.

Leader: Lord, whose name is blessed on every shore, make us one in heart and voice as together we offer the prayer of the Kingdom that our Savior taught us.

All: *Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth*

Psalter Hymnal 208

Verse 1: unison Verse 2: harmony

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into two parts: Verse 1 (unison) and Verse 2 (harmony). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Our Fa - ther, Lord of heaven and earth, let praise and hon - or
2 For - give us, Lord, our sins and debts as we to debt - ors

clothe your name. Your king - dom come, your will be done;
show your grace. Re - move us from all tempt - ing paths

through - out the world com - plete your reign. Teach us, O Lord,
and guard us from the dev - il's ways; for glo - ry, strength,

to trust in you for bread and breath each day a - new.
and heav - en's throne be - long to you, and you a - lone. A - men.

Leader: God of power and might, when you fashioned the world the stars sang together and the heavens shouted for joy. Open our eyes to recognize your glory, that together with all that you have made we may ever praise the honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

People: Amen.

Closing

**All Creatures of Our God and King*

Psalter Hymnal 431

Verses 1-3: all

Verse 4: choir

Organ Interlude

Verse 5: all (unison throughout)

*Blessing

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: May Almighty God fill us with the knowledge of his will, that we may live a life worthy of the Lord and pleasing in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, being strengthened with all power according to God's glorious might, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

People: Amen.

*Choral Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

Postlude *Improvisation on "Te Deum"*
(We Praise You, O God)

Charles Tournemire

Participants

<i>Preacher</i>	Elizabeth Achtemeier
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<i>Conductor</i>	John Yarrington

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