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My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone
Vespers Service – Calvin Worship Symposium

Opening Prayer - *O Gracious Light*

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light,

we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Songs Of Invitation –

Trinity Song – *(Sandra on guitar)*

Holy Father, Son and Spirit,

Holy communion, three in One. (repeat)

Come with your peace, with your invitation,

Bind us together in holy love. (repeat)

My Help, My God – Psalm 42 *(musicians)*

Prayer for Divine Guidance *(Read together, standing)*

Open my lips, O Lord,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence

and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

World without end. Amen.

Congregational Songs – *(Sandra on guitar)*

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing (B)

(Robinson/Trad.)

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise mount I'm fixed upon it,
Name of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;

Hither by Thy help I've come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,

Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now like a fetter,

Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,

Seal it for Thy courts above.

Come Light Our Hearts (E)

(McCracken)

Refrain: For you, O Lord our souls in stillness wait

For you, O Lord our souls in stillness wait

Truly our hope is in you

Truly our hope is in you

O Lord of life, our only hope

Your radiance shines

on all who look to you in the dark

Emmanuel come, come light our hearts (Refrain)

Oh joy above, all other loves

In you we find, more than enough

we come as we are, O heal and restore,

come light our hearts (Refrain)

A Collect for Grace (Read Together)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as

you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength,

so you never forsake those who make their boast of your

mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Silence

Psalm Reading - 62-63 excerpts (Musician to read)

Songs of Response: My Soul Finds Rest (Sandra on piano)

Oh my God, hear my cry, from the depths, I call out to you
You give your mercy and light, in the dark, in the wilderness

Refrain: My soul finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from him
My soul finds rest, God is my home, I will not be shaken. I will not be shaken

You are my shield and my strength, train my feet for this battle
Our God is mighty to save, I will wait, I will wait for him. (Refrain)

Oh my strength, I sing praise to you... (repeat)
In joy or pain, I sing praise to you
Night or day, I sing praise to you (Refrain)

(Continue in silent prayer as music continues)

Prayer (Read together as musicians continue quietly)

We have sought to find rest in places that only make us weary and empty. Almighty God, give us your peace and quiet us from within. We have looked for a place to hide from the storm, from the heat of the day, and from the fear that comes over us at night. Be our eternal home, our rest, our shelter and our strength. We turn away from the shallow springs of self-reliance to drink from your living water that we may be satisfied. We return again to you, our Father. Satisfy us again with your abundance, Holy Spirit. In every age, O LORD, you have been our refuge.

Repeat Refrain: (Singing)

Oh my strength, I sing praise to you
Oh my strength, I sing praise to you
Oh my strength, I sing praise to you
In joy or pain, I sing praise to you
Night or day, I sing praise to you

Refrain: My soul finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from him
My soul finds rest, God is my home, I will not be shaken. I will not be shaken

Psalm Reading - Ps 126

Rock of Ages Cleft For Me - (Sandra on guitar)
(Augustus Montague Toplady/Trad)

*Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.*

*Not the labors of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal_ no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone.
Thou must save and Thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Not by works but faith alone,
Your righteousness, my living hope.
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let me hide myself in Thee.*

Psalm Reading - Psalm 103 or Ps 40

Closing Hymn -

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion (Sandra on guitar)

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
'He has done great things,' we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Refrain)

In the dark of night, before the dawn
my soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Refrain)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom. (Refrain)

Closing Prayer - (*Read Together, Standing*)

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all people here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Piano - Aaron Goodyke (or Sandra)

Acoustic Guitar (2) - Lane Ellens

Banjo - Wen Reagan

Upright Bass - Josiah Panning or Andy Bast

3-5 vocals - Maddie Scott, Kathryn Krieger (Lane Ellens, Steve Holm, Wen Reagan)

Electric Guitar - Steve Holm

Percussion - Izaak Arenson