

# CALVARY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 31st, 2025  
10:30 am

We welcome ALL:  
People of Color  
Immigrants  
LGBTQ+  
Drag Queens  
Partnered and Single  
Differently Abled  
Families and Children  
Young and Old  
Our Unhoused Neighbors  
The Alcoholic and Addicted  
Believers and Those Questioning Faith  
Anyone Who Desires a Spiritual Home.

Calvary's welcome extends to all. But more importantly—  
God welcomes you for exactly who you are.

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# HOLY EUCHARIST

## PRELUDE

*Please stand*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

HYMN TO JOY

## SALUTATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People *And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## GLORIA S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

BCP 224

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A READING FROM JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 2:4-13

*Please be seated.*

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 81:1, 10-16 *in unison*

Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.  
10 I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."  
11 And yet my people did not hear my voice,  
and Israel would not obey me.  
12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,  
to follow their own devices.  
13 Oh, that my people would listen to me!  
that Israel would walk in my ways!  
14 I should soon subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.  
15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,

and their punishment would last for ever.  
16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

A READING FROM HEBREWS

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector            The Word of the Lord.  
People            *Thanks be to God.*  
*Please stand*

SEQUENCE HYMN 545

*Lo! What a cloud of witnesses*

ST. FULBERT

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Celebrant        The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form VI

BCP 392

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our Calvary Prayer List.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Those for whom our prayers have been requested: Shelby, Don, John, Linda, Brooks, Trent, Kim, Sandra, Anna, Phillip, Ruth and family, Deborah, John, Ben, John, Michael, Greg, Warren, Bob, and Rusty.

THE PEACE *Please stand*

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People          *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

*View me, Lord*

RICHARD LLOYD

View me, Lord, a work of thine;  
Shall I then lie drowned in night?  
Might thy grace in me but shine,  
I should seem made all of light.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade  
When the heavenly light appears;  
But the covenants thou hast made,  
Endless, know nor days nor years.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel  
At thine altar, pure and white;  
They that once thy mercies feel,  
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,  
To thy mercies fast I fly.  
Though I am but clay and dust,  
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye

heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Psaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Please remain standing*

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

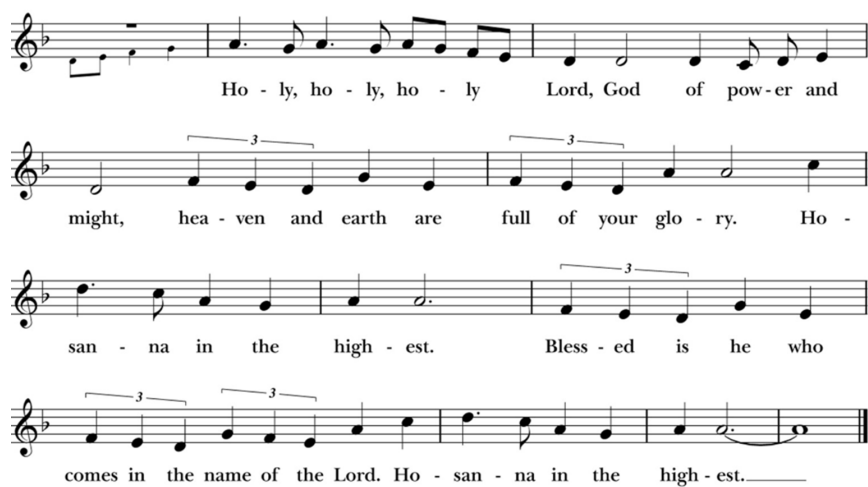
*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
<i>Celebrant</i>	It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-129



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*The people stand or kneel.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-155



#### THE COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake*

RICHARD FARRANT

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past,  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,  
now and evermore.  
*Amen.*

#### COMMUNION HYMN 321

*My God, thy table now is spread*

ROCKINGHAM

*Please stand or kneel*

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 344

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

#### DISMISSAL

Celebrant      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People        *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

#### POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Bonnie & Robert Dever,  
joined together in marriage on August 31, 1962.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **RETIREMENT CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

A Retirement Celebration Committee has been formed by the vestry for the celebration to be held immediately following the service on October 26th. The members of the committee will be Taylor Howell, Terrance Griffith, Owen Sammons, Pattie Davidson, and Stephanie Smith. If you have ideas or suggestions feel free to contact one of these committee members.

### **SHARED COFFEE HOUR**

Save the date: On September 21, there will be an Urban Partnership Shared Coffee Hour at St. George's Episcopal Church at 12:30 p.m. Please plan to attend if you can. This is a great way to get to know our broader Episcopal family!

### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

Wednesday Bible Study resumes on 3 September from 1-2 PM in the Rector's office. The readings are from 1 Kings 9:24-10:13, James 3:1-12 and Mark 15:1-11. Our focus for that day will be on James and the significance of WORDS. It is my belief that 1 word is worth a 1000 pictures. Recall that it was "The WORD became flesh..." We will talk about the power, importance and affect (effect) of WORDS. Hope you consider joining us and know we are flexible about when we gather. One final word, Emily Dickinson wrote, "A word is dead/ When it is said/ Some say./ I say it just/ Begins to live/ That day." Hope you can bring some words and join us on the 3rd as we exchange words about words! Grace, Robert (robertglendever@gmail.com)

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