

CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

September 13th, 2026
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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 494

Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

Please stand

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

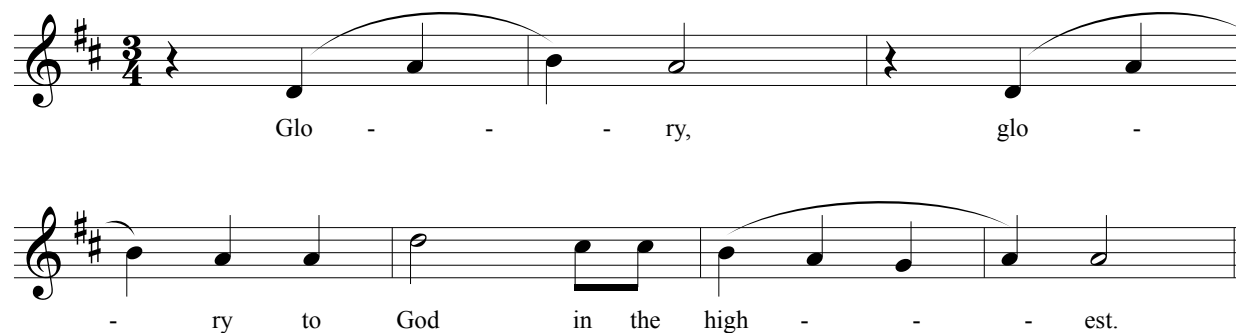
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

SETTING: C. PHILLIPS



CHOIR: and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory. **[Congreg. Refrain]**

CHOIR: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **[Congreg. Refrain]**

CHOIR: For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **[Congreg. Refrain]**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM EXODUS

Exodus 14:19-31

Please be seated.

THE ANGEL OF GOD WHO WAS GOING BEFORE THE ISRAELITE ARMY MOVED AND WENT BEHIND THEM; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came¹ out of¹ Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a¹ people of¹ strange¹ speech,

2 Judah be¹ came God's¹ sanctuary *
and¹ Israel¹ his do¹ minion.

3 The sea be¹ held it and¹ fled; *
Jordan¹ turned and¹ wēnt¹ back.

4 The mountains¹ skipped like¹ rams, *
and the little¹ hills like¹ yōung¹ sheep.

5 What ailed you, O¹ sea, that you¹ fled? *
O¹ Jordan, that¹ you turned¹ back?

6 You mountains, that you¹ skipped like¹ rams? *
you little¹ hills like¹ yōung¹ sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the¹ presence of the¹ Lord, *
at the¹ presence of the¹ God of¹ Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a¹ pool of¹ water *
and flint-stone¹ into a¹ flowing¹ spring.

A READING FROM ROMANS

Romans 14:1-12

WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE WEAK IN FAITH, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 393

Praise our great and gracious Lord

MAOZ ZUR

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

PETER CAME AND SAID TO JESUS, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. Donna J. Gerold

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

BCP 358

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 IV

BCP 388

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Calvary member: Michael.

Friends and family for whom our prayers have been requested: Janis, Darlene, David, Anne, Cezanne, Caleb, Penny, Shelby, Ruth and family, Tom, Sandy, Eva, Bill, Greg, John, and Bob.

Names on prayer list are on a four week rotation unless requested otherwise

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION

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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

At the name of Jesus

Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand*

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SETTING: C. PHILLIPS

The people stand or kneel

The musical score is written for Organ and Congregation. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The Organ part is indicated by a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The Congregation part is indicated by a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Organ Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate

from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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,
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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

SETTING: C. PHILLIPS

Organ

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Iona Abbey Worship Book

Celebrant 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 doubted; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have strayed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Turn thy face from my sins

Thomas Attwood

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

COMMUNION HYMN 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 347

Go forth for god, go to the world in peace

LITTON

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

*If you are visiting us, we are glad you are here. Please complete the visitor card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.
I will be in touch to welcome you personally. -The Rev. Donna Gerold*

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Frazer Hall immediately following the service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Time and Talent Fair Following the service on Sunday, September 20, we will celebrate the kickoff of our 2027 Stewardship Campaign with a Time and Talent Fair. A pizza lunch will be provided, along with activities for the kids. Representatives from each of Calvary's ministries will also be available to share information about the work they do to enrich and serve our community. Please make plans to join us for a day of fellowship and to explore these wonderful opportunities to serve

Search Committee Update The Search Committee met this week to continue building the roadmap for Calvary's search for our next rector. We identified several paths that will guide the next phase of the process, including congregational listening, development of our Parish and Position Profiles, and ongoing communication with the congregation. Over the coming weeks, we will communicate more details on our approach for gathering input from each of you. During this time, we will also begin gathering the information and materials that will help us tell Calvary's story: who we are, what we value, and the ministries and community we share. As this unfolds, there will be several opportunities for members of the congregation to participate and share your perspectives. We look forward to listening and learning together, and we are committed to providing you regular updates along the way.

Midweek Noon Eucharist at the Cathedral Join us for noon (12:00–12:30) services of Holy Eucharist each Tuesday at Christ Church Cathedral, 421 S 2nd St, Louisville, KY 40202.

Choral Evensong and Benediction For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Sung by the choir of the Episcopal Church of the Advent and the Highland Baptist Church chamber choir. Sunday, Sept. 27, 5pm

Dimensions of Faith: Jeff Chu On Sunday, October 11, St. Matthew's will welcome author, journalist, and theologian Jeff Chu for an evening in our Dimensions of Faith lecture series. His presentation, "The Good Soil: A Meditation on Nature, Heritage, and Belonging," explores the connections between faith, the natural world, heritage, community, and the stories that shape who we are. Jeff Chu is the author of *Does Jesus Really Love Me?*, co-author of Rachel Held Evans' *Wholehearted Faith*, and author of *Good Soil*. His work brings together theology, journalism, personal story, and questions of belonging in a way that reaches well beyond any single denomination. The event is free and open to everyone. 6:00–8:00 p.m. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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