

CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19th, 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 372

Praise to the living God!

LEONI

SALUTATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 31:27-34

Please be seated.

THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING, SAYS THE LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.”

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 97 Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

A READING FROM SECOND TIMOTHY

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

AS FOR YOU, CONTINUE IN WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AND FIRMLY BELIEVED, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 18:1-8

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

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES A PARABLE about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON *Please be seated*

The Very Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says
 The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Then the candidates are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents
 I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented
 Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents
 Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents
 I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents
 I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates, and of the parents and godparents

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

The Celebrant then says these or similar words
Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.*
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People *I will, with God's help.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Simon, Sage, and Salem who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of

promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying
N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

Judge eternal, throned in splendor,
 Lord of lords and King of kings,
 With Thy living fire of judgment
 Purge this land of bitter things;
 Solace all its wide dominion
 With the healing of Thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
 For the hour that brings release;
 And the city's crowded clangor
 Cries aloud for sin to cease.
 And the homesteads and the woodlands
 Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, Thine own endeavor;
 Cleave our darkness with Thy sword;
 Feed the faint and hungry heathen
 With the richness of Thy Word;
 Cleanse the body of this nation
 Through the Gospel of the Lord.

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand*

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 continues

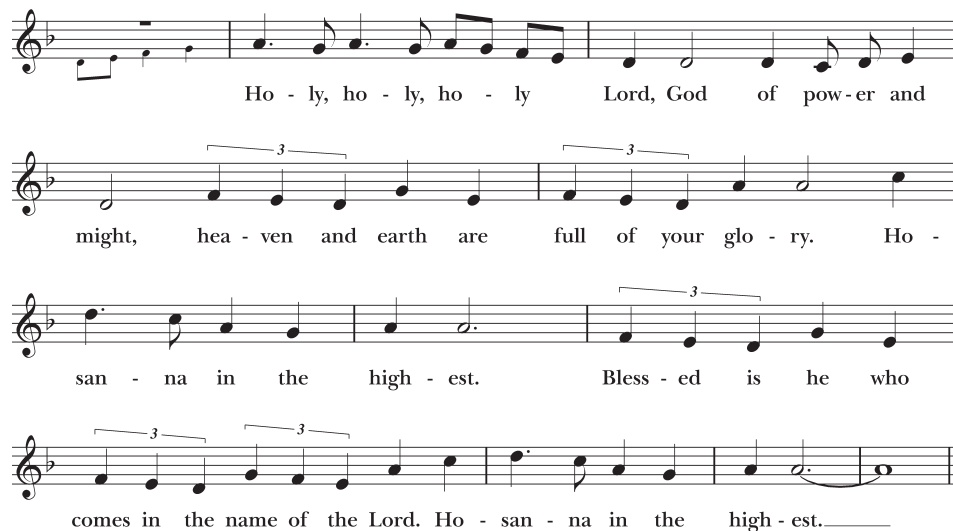
The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source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

The people stand or kneel



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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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-155



THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Go forth into the world in peace

J. RUTTER

Go forth into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
Hold fast that which is good.
Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted.
Support the weak. Help the afflicted.

Show love to everyone.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN 698

Eternal Spirit of the living Christ

FLENTGE

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 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

GOTT SEI DANK

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARED COFFEE HOUR TODAY there will be an Urban Partnership Shared Coffee Hour at Church of the Resurrection Episcopal Church at 12:30 p.m. Please plan to attend if you can. This is a great way to get to know and support our broader Episcopal family!

ROOM IN THE INN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Room in the Inn (RITI) partners with community partners and local congregations to provide overnight shelter, meals, and fellowship for our unhoused neighbors during January and February. This season, two host sites are available: Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral (for women and children) and Grace Emmanuel United Church of Christ (for men). Each night, volunteers are needed to serve as hosts, share a meal, and offer hospitality to about 20 guests. Last year, Calvary supported this ministry by covering three nights. Our goal for 2026 is to do the same — or more! If you'd like to learn more or sign up to help in January or February, please contact Emily Young at emandfritzyoung@gmail.com or 270-217-4748.

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