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EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27th, 2026

We welcome all:

People of Color | Immigrants | LGBTQ+ | Drag Queens | Partnered &
Single | Differently Abled | Families & Children | Young & Old | Our
Unhoused Neighbors | The Alcoholic & Addicted | Believers & 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!

HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

AUSTRIA

Please stand

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

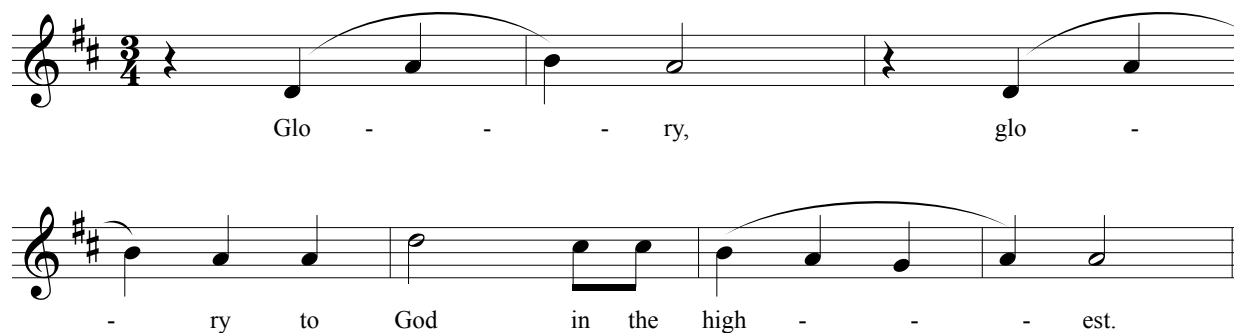
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

Congregation sings 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.

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.

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 EXODUS

Exodus 17:1-7

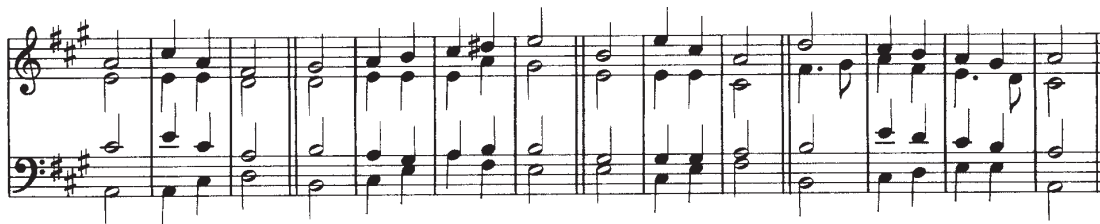
Please be seated.

FROM THE WILDERNESS OF SIN THE WHOLE CONGREGATION OF THE ISRAELITES JOURNEYED BY STAGES, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

S. ELVEY



- 1 Hear my teaching, ¹O my ¹people; *
incline your ¹ears to the ¹words of my ¹mouth.
- 2 I will open my ¹mouth in a ¹parable; *
I will declare the ¹mysteries of ¹ancient ¹times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our ¹forefathers have ¹told us, *
we will not ¹hide ¹from their ¹children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the ¹power of the ¹LORD, *
and the wonderful ¹wörks ¹he has ¹done.



12 He worked marvels in the ¹sight of their ¹forefathers, *
in the land of ¹Egypt, in the ¹field of ¹Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and ¹let them pass ¹through; *
he made the ¹waters stand ¹up like ¹walls.

+14 He led them with a ¹cloud by ¹day, *
and all the night ¹through with a ¹glow of ¹fire.

15 He split the hard ¹rocks in the ¹wilderness *
and gave them drink as ¹from the ¹grëat ¹deep.

16 He brought streams ¹out of the ¹cliff, *
and the ¹waters gushed ¹out like ¹rivers.

A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS

Philippians 2:1-13

IF THEN THERE IS ANY ENCOURAGEMENT IN CHRIST, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 685

Rock of ages, cleft for me

TOPLADY

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

WHEN JESUS ENTERED THE TEMPLE, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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 those Calvary members: Jerry, Michael, and Bob.

Friends and family for whom our prayers have been requested: Tabitha, Rocky, Parker, CJ, Landon, Janis, David, Caleb, Penny, Shelby, Ruth and family, 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*

Today we welcome Owen Sammons, organist to talk about stewardship.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Non nobis domine

Rosephanye Powell

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
But to your name, give the glory.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</i>
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

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

The musical notation for the Fraction Anthem is presented in two staves. The first staff is divided into two sections: 'Organ' and 'Congregation'. The 'Organ' section is in 3/4 time and the 'Congregation' section is in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and begins with a treble clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody in 4/4 time, with the lyrics 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below it. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

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 332

O God, unseen yet ever near

ST. FLAVIAN

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 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

ENGELBERG

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

Service Update Please note that on Sundays we will begin the prelude at 10:22 a.m. to allow the service to begin promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Diocesan Convention Nominations Nominations are open for both lay deputies and Diocesan positions for the 199th Diocesan Convention, which will be held on November 13th and 14th in Hopkinsville, KY. If you are interested in serving as a lay deputy, email Andrew Weinberger at awweinberger12@gmail.com by September 25th. If you are interested in a Diocesan position, please see the list of position descriptions and complete the nomination form using the link in the weekly blast. Email the form to office@calvaryepiscopal.org no later than September 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Weinberger for more information.

Search Committee Listening Sessions The Search Committee would like to invite you to attend a Listening Session to get your ideas on what is important for Calvary's future. All sessions will be held at Calvary, each lasting about 90 minutes. Please plan to join us for one of these sessions. Sign-up sheets will be in Frazier Hall.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 11:45 am - parents with children in Christian Education.

We will also hold a session for the children at the same time.

Sunday, Oct. 18, 8:30 am - open to all members. Continental breakfast provided.

Sunday, Nov. 1, 11:45 am - open to all members.

Stewardship 2027 Updates Congratulations to Lynn Grise, Claire Schuyler and Shannon Hecht who were the winners of the raffle during the Time and Talent Fair last Sunday! Thank you to all those who made a pledge, staffed a table, or helped out with preparation and cleanup! The pledge box will be in the back of the church every Sunday during the Stewardship campaign. Feel free to drop your pledge card in it when you arrive at church. You can also pledge on the Calvary website or by contacting the church office. There is still time to sign up to volunteer for a ministry at Calvary. Please check with Donna+ or Mary Redden for opportunities.

Sunday Forum Sunday, 27 October will conclude the Sunday Forum study of the Bible with a focus on the Deuterocanonical books and the New Testament. The group meets in Parker Hall between 9:30 and 10:15....but, good news! The Sunday Forum will resume for three Sundays in October (the 11th, 18th & 25th) on the topic of the Book of Common Prayer, led by Rev. Ben Sanders.

Calvary Online Directory Calvary is currently building an online church directory through Realm, a secure, password-protected platform. Our goal is to create an accurate and up-to-date directory so that we can stay connected and better support one another. For instructions on how to set up your account, please visit: <https://www.calvary-episcopal.org/online-directory>