

# The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021



*We welcome you to our virtual service of worship  
and hope you'll share the good news proclaimed and lived here at Calvary,  
Columbia.*

*We look forward to seeing you when we can gather together again in person.  
Until that day, God bless and keep you.*

**Calvary Episcopal Church**

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*Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, MO. We're so glad you've joined us to worship on this Easter Season.*

*This is a full-service bulletin. If you prefer to use your Book of Common Prayer, the page numbers are listed as well.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Opening Acclamation:** BCP, 355

*The Celebrant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**The Gloria**

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

### **The First Reading**

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. (4:32-35)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 133. We will read it in unison.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \***  
**when brethren live together in unity!**
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \***  
**that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \***  
**and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \***  
**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \***  
**life for evermore.**

### **The Second Reading**

Lector: A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the

righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1:1-2:2)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

Deacon/priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. (20:19-31)

Deacon or priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

### **The Homily**

*--- A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.*

**The Nicene Creed 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**

*The Deacon or other person appointed says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially ], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially \_\_\_\_\_], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,  
our only Mediator and Advocate.

**The Peace.** BCP, 360

Celebrant: *La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements** offered by Calvary's vestry representative Jennifer James (*see last page*)

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP, 364

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## **Calvary's Prayer List**

*New names may be added to the prayer list by calling the church office.*

Nancy, The Sessions family, The Thayer family, Clara, Jeff, The Slagle and Bush Family, Chris, Frank, Dale, Heather, Dougie, Jessica, Delaney, John, Colleen, Paul, Sue, Carolyn, Phyllis, Stephanie, Recil, Gail, Jim, Dana, Bob, Julie, Joel, Sharon, Ben, Dan, Kathy, Larisa, David, Bernadene, and Mary J.

**For Health of Body and Soul (BCP p. 460)** May God, the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

## **Calvary Episcopal Church Announcements**

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**Special Announcement:** We would like to thank **The Rev. Canon Doris Westfall, Canon to the Ordinary**, for celebrating the **Second Sunday of Easter** with us.

**From Mother Valori:** **Baby Chase (name tbd)** was born at **12:09 am on Friday, April 2**. Mother and baby are doing wonderfully - thanks be to God. A better outcome could not have been hoped for and I'm sure the prayers were the key to that. Thank you so much for your love, support, and prayers. This mama of the mama couldn't be happier - or more relieved!

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Easter Offering this year. The proceeds will pay for the Easter flowers and support the Organ Preservation Fund. To date we have had well over \$3000 contributed.

### **The 2020 Vestry Stewardship Covenant**

Your vestry developed this Stewardship Covenant using a process of spiritual discernment and seeking divine guidance through Scripture and prayer. This covenant reflects where we feel God is leading us as a Vestry in our ministry of stewardship. We make this covenant among ourselves as a vestry and with God as we serve the parish. It is not meant to be a Stewardship Covenant for Calvary Episcopal Church parish as a whole. We pray that all members will prayerfully reflect on our invitation to you within this covenant.

**WE BELIEVE** that God will provide us with what we need. We have faith that God will show us how to use and share our resources with others.

**WE COMMIT** to reflect prayerfully as individuals and as a community to listen to what God is saying to us, trusting in divine guidance. We realize that God values us and knows our needs as individuals and as the church.

**WE INVITE** all to join us in trusting in the promises of God to nourish, protect, and love us, meeting all our needs. God will provide us with the resources to serve our community and all creation; we invite all to join in stewarding these resources for the well-being of our community and the world.

To make your pledge online, fill in the 2021 Pledge Card on the [Stewardship](#) page on our website.



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