

A hymn may be sung as the people gather.

- Celebrant In the name of God who is Trinity in Unity, grace and peace be with you,
People And also with you.
- Celebrant O Holy Spirit, giver of all life through the water of creation and the womb of the cross: Guide us as we seek to give birth to you in our lives and in the world around us in the name of God, our Creator, our Wisdom, and our Comforter.¹
People: Amen.
- Celebrant Let us pray. Divine Reality, still my soul, that I might pray Thee
People calm my mind, that I might hear Thee.
- Celebrant light my vision, that I might see Thee.
People unveil my heart, that I might truly love Thee.
- Celebrant bend my knee, that I might adore Thee.
People loose my tongue, that I might exalt Thee.
- Celebrant come within, that I might know Thee.
People give me wings, that I might ever sing Thee. ²

A Trisagion:

- Celebrant Holy God. Holy Life-giver. Holy Liberating One.
People Increase in us.
- Celebrant Holy God. Holy Life-giver. Holy Liberating One.
People Inspire us.
- Celebrant Holy God. Holy Life-giver. Holy Liberating One.
People Encourage us.
- Celebrant God be with you
People And also with you.
- Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of the prophet Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” (3:1-10)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 139. We'll read it in unison.

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. (6:12-20)

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The Gospel

Priest/Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from

Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” (1:43-51))

Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of The Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

A Holy Conversation on the Word

Celebrant Let us affirm our hope in Christ our Light.

People **We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that seeks to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and doubting, we trust in God;
and, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves,
in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth and to share the common wealth of God’s goodness, to
live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the Spirit of love;
And in company of the faithful, to be the Church,
for the glory of God. Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Deacon/priest Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Guided by the leading of a star, may we reflect in our daily life and work the glory and radiance of Christ our light.

Intercessor Into your heart, O God, we commend those who live on the edge, whether by choice or through no fault of their own.
People **Teach us to love, O Lover of life.**

Intercessor Into your rest, O God, we commend those who live in a whirlwind of activity,
People **Give us your peace, O Lover of life.**

Intercessor Into your presence, O God, we commend those we hurt, whether carelessly, unintentionally, or deliberately.

People Teach us to heal, O Lover of life.

Intercessor Into your hands, O God, we commend our loved ones and the strangers in our midst.

People Teach us to welcome, O Lover of life.

Intercessor Into your depths O God, we commend our inner lives and our outer journeys.

People Teach us to surrender O Lover of life.³

Intercessor Into your eternity O God, we commend those beloved ones who have completed their time on earth and live again as one in you.

People Give us your joy, O Lover of life.

Intercessor I invite you to add your own intentions, either aloud or in the silent prayer of your hearts...

Celebrant Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **People: Amen**

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins.

**Eternal Mother, Compassionate Father we confess that we have believed the lie
that we are not in you and you are not in us,
and we have lived that lie in what we have done, and by letting things go undone.**

**We have forgotten to love you with our whole heart;
we have refused to love our neighbors, and we have failed to love ourselves.**

**We are ready now to change this
to receive the gift of your healing and wholeness.**

**Knowing the frailty of our humanity, we open ourselves
to the strength of your divinity.**

**We ask you to overshadow us and breathe new life into us,
for only then are we able to follow you in your way, serve the welfare of your people,
and glorify your Holy Name by our lives. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes. The peace of God be with you always;
People And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant Let us awaken our hearts and see that God is with us.
People God's Spirit is here, in, around, and among us.

Celebrant: Creator God, your beloved ones gather as a brood under the safety of your wing, remembering the story of your great love for all you have created and re-membering ourselves to you and to all of your saints on earth and in heaven. Your song of praise rises up from within us and flows forth from us as with one voice we join with the heavenly chorus and sing:

**People Holy, holy, holy are you,
God of powerful love and light.
All creation is a reflection of your glory, Hosanna!
Blessed are you and your continual self-giving! Hosanna!**

Celebrant Merciful God, your loving care for us has been offered countless times, catching us up into you every time we strayed and lost our way. Then, being kindness, you responded to our blindness, willfulness, and lostness by taking on flesh like ours, eliminating all that separated us. Expressing yourself in the person of Jesus, the Christ, we could see you, touch you, talk with you, and learn to become like you, corporal temples of the Eternal One. But we struggled to understand and surrender to such unconditional mercy, and we projected our fear onto you, onto one another, and onto your creation.

Knowing that nothing short of everything would be required for our salvation, you gathered your friends together, as you'd done so many times before. The meal was simple: bread and wine. In your hands and by your prayers, however, this simple food became holy food, the food of life.

You took the bread, and giving thanks, you broke the bread, gave it to your friends and said, 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

Then, you took the cup of wine, and lifted it up in thanksgiving, gave it to your friends and said, 'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this to remember me.'

Loving Christ, Gentle Guide, by the power of your unfathomable love you transformed these simple gifts of bread and wine into holy food, which you gave to your ordinary friends, transforming them into holy people.

+ Now bless and sanctify our simple gifts of bread and wine, making them into your body and blood, and grant that all who share this holy food are made one body, one spirit in Christ. +Bless and sanctify us also, that we may trust your choice of us to be bearers of your way, your truth, and your life into the world.

People **We praise you, we trust you, and we surrender ourselves to you offering nothing short of everything.**

Celebrant Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, we honor and glorify you Motherly Father, Liberating Son, and Holy Wisdom, now and forever.

People **AMEN!**

Celebrant And now, with humility and confidence, we all pray together:

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope

and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts that we absorb from another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen⁴

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant If you are thirsty, drink the Fount of Life.

 If you are hungry, eat the Bread of Life.

Blessed are all who hunger for this Bread

 and thirst for this Fount.⁵

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Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.⁶ (BCP, 366)

The Blessing and dismissal

Calvary's Prayer List:

Bernadene, Larisa, David, Mary J, Kay, Joel, Curt and Stephanie.

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
January 17, 2020

A big thank you to those who came together for our The Third Parish Summit, “Sharing in God’s Dream” last Sunday. If you weren’t able to join us and/or haven’t participated in the Interim Surveys (one question each), please do. The notes we used at our meeting and the Interim Surveys can be found on the [Interim Work](#) page of our website - which you can find in the main menu at the top of our Welcome page. Please answer the question on pages 2 and 5 and email your responses to [Mother Valori+](#)

Mark your calendars for our Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, January 31 at 1:00. This is a call for reports for the Annual Report. If you typically send a report, please do so now. Email your reports to: info@calvaryonninth.org

The Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom. Sign-in information is on our For Members page on the website. On the day of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Zoom information will be linked to the flyer on our Welcome page. Just click on the flyer and you’ll be taken directly to the Zoom waiting room.

The time is upon us to prepare our annual reports. I’ve looked over Calvary’s Annual Reports for the last two years and look forward to helping Connie pull the report together this year, enabling her to focus on moving our financial software to a new system. **Please email your Annual Reports to info@calvaryonninth.org.** Reports are due in by Wednesday, Jan 20 for inclusion in the report given at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, Jan 31. In a few years’ time, when the pandemic is a memory, we’ll want to be able to remember and share the good news of how we adapted, what we let lie fallow for a time, and what new life God created in us in the memorable year of 2020. ~Mother Valori+

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. (*Continues next page*)

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.

¹ "Adapted from Collects, The Season after Pentecost, Proper 2, *Women's Uncommon Prayers*, 317.

² "prayer of devotion" by Dr. Karen A. Eshelman, *Women's Uncommon Prayers*, 223.

³ "For Love's Sake," *She Who Prays*, 23.

⁴ *Night Prayer*, A New Zealand Prayer Book (Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia), 181.

⁵ "Fraction Anthems," *Enriching our Worship 1, Morning and Evening Prayer, The Great Litany, The Holy Eucharist* (Church Publishing Company, NY, 1997), 69

⁶ Book of Common Prayer, 366.

