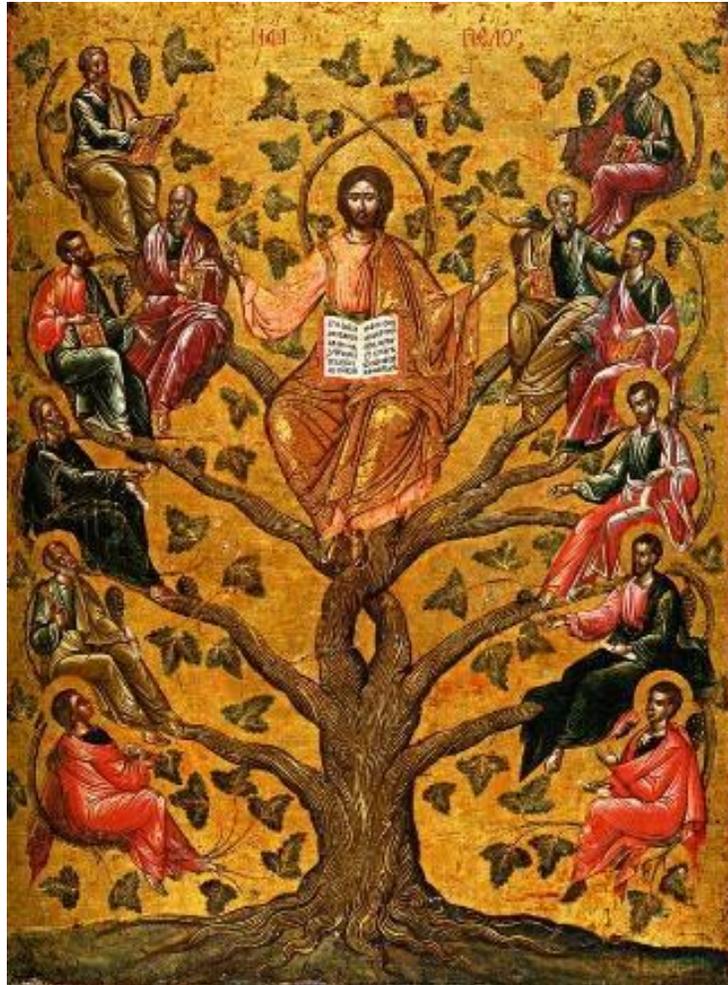


The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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, Missouri.*

*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 during 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, 323

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 all.
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.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The First Reading

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (8:26-40)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 22:24-30. We will read it in unison.

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.**
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.**

The Second Reading

Lector: A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (4:7-21)

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**

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” (15:1-8)

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, 326.

**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 people: 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; Valori, our Interim Rector; Janet, our Deacon, and Josh our Seminarian, 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 Joseph, our President; Mike, our Governor, and Brian, our Mayor, 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 all those on our parish prayer list and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts [_____]. We pray for 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 Ruth Welliver, 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, 332

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Announcements offered by Calvary's vestry representative, Bob Worley (*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, 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 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.

Ted, Helen, Madalyn, Lonnajean, Judalyn, Scott, Bob, Barbara, The Abadir Family, Nancy, The Sessions family, Rebecca, Judy, Gary, Chris, Frank, Dale, Heather, Dougie, Delaney, John, Colleen, Paul, Sue, Carolyn, Phyllis, Stephanie, Recil, Gail, Jim, Dana, 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

For the repose of the soul of Ruth Welliver who departed this life on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

Calvary Episcopal Church Announcements

May 2, 2021

Greetings from the Senior Warden. I want to provide an update about what the Vestry and folks in the Calvary community have been up to during the time our Church building has been closed. There has been a lot going on and I'm sure I'll miss something important that someone in our faith community has accomplished with God's help and I apologize in advance. It was in March of last year that response to the COVID pandemic required that the Calvary building be closed. Gathering for worship and providing many of Calvary's ministerial services as we had previously known them had to cease and be reimagined for life during a pandemic. Through it all, Calvary has remained a vibrant and active parish.

Here's some of what has happened:

- Mother Valori began her Interim Ministry at Calvary—Welcome to COMO!
- The Vestry met every 2 weeks for a while to plan a COVID response (work continues)
- Zoom worship was initiated (a new experience for all)
- Equipment was purchased for livestreaming worship and livestreams began

- Rite Place gathered outdoors (weather permitting) on Wednesday evenings
- Study groups and book clubs continue to meet via Zoom
- The Blessing Box filled with necessities was installed outside the Parish Hall
- Saturday Café was transitioned to Saturday Café to Go
- The Calvary website was reimagined to be more user friendly and contain more content
- Calvary's core ministries were redefined into four categories
- The annual Stewardship Pledge Campaign became ministry based...and virtual
- A Rector Search Discernment Team was formed and began work
- The Calvary Annual Meeting was held via Zoom
- Work with Loaves and Fishes and Room at the Inn continued
- Parish Summits were held via Zoom to help determine where Calvary is as a parish
- Calvary's Advent Bazaar went virtual with great success
- The church's organ has undergone much needed repairs
- Volunteers continued to help with various ministries and their required tasks
- Newsletters were added for Christian Formation and Worship Opportunities
- Additional Worship opportunities were added online: Morning/Noonday/Evening Prayer and Compline
- The Treasurer and Finance Committee worked to keep Calvary's finances sound
- The Clergy and Staff of Calvary kept us moving forward despite COVID challenges

In short, it has been a busy year! We are thankful that God has led us to be His Church through the challenges offered by the pandemic. There are a lot of opportunities to be involved in the life and ministry of Calvary. To paraphrase Bishop Deon, "our building may be closed, but the Church is open." Please keep the Vestry in your prayers as it works to safely open our building as soon as possible. And...thanks for being part of the Calvary community!

Volunteer Opportunity! LeeAnn Ball has volunteered to Co-Chair the famous Calvary Advent Bazaar again this year. The Bazaar team did a fantastic job in making the 2020 virtual Bazaar a great success. She is looking for some help and it is never too early to start thinking about the Bazaar. If you didn't know, all the proceeds from the Bazaar go to Calvary's Community Outreach Ministry. It is also a great opportunity to share Calvary's story and mission with folks from outside the parish who visit us on Bazaar day. We hope and pray that the 2021 Bazaar will have both in-person and virtual components. If you are able to participate on the Bazaar team, please reach out to LeeAnn or the church office and we will get you

plugged in. This is a great opportunity to participate in one of Calvary's traditions and get involved in outreach ministry.

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.



