

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022



*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.*

## **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.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The Salutation**

Officiant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: **For ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

### **The First Reading**

Lector: A reading from Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There

was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." (11:1-18)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Response**

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is 148. *We will read it in unison.*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*

- praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

### **The Second Reading**

Lector: A reading from Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new

Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." (21:1-6)

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

### The Gospel

Deacon or priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (13:31-35)

Deacon or priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Holy Conversation on the Word**

#### **An Affirmation of Faith**

Deacon or Priest: Let us affirm our faith.

**I believe that you, O God, created humanity, female and male,  
in your image.**

**I hear you, O Lord, and your call to love you with all my heart,  
with all my soul, with all my strength, and with all my mind,  
and your command to love my neighbors as myself.**

**I accept others, just as you have accepted me,  
in order to bring praise to you, O God.**

**I hope to shine like the stars in the universe  
as I hold out the word of life to my community.**

**I am committed to growing in your knowledge and love  
and to participating in the life of my faith community.**

**I praise you for removing my sackcloth and clothing me with yourself  
so that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.**

**I hope through Jesus the Risen One in the power of the Holy Spirit  
now and forever. Amen.<sup>[2]</sup>**

### **Prayers of the People**

Priest: Gracious God, who knit our inmost parts before we were born and who shelters us with a strong hand, in our gratitude receive the prayers we offer as we respond to each petition saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the unity we share through our faith and resurrection in Jesus Christ, that we who have been entrusted with the gift of new life, may bring life to the world and renewed hope to our church, for this we pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the courage to hold fast to the high ideals of our calling, bringing the lamp of charity to those who live in despair and desperation, and through their cries receive the saving grace that enlightens our ministry; for this we pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

For a renewed sense of the body of Christ, the Church, that together with our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Deon, and all other ministers, we may rededicate ourselves in the unity of the Triune God; for this we pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the urgency to seek peace before the battle breaks, for economic justice before the weight of poverty fractures the will of nations; for this we pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the forgiveness of our sins, that the wounds we inflict on one another may be healed by the Divine Life that overcomes human frailty; for this we pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those on our parish prayer list, that they may know we lift them into the presence of God by our prayers where they are filled with the power of God's healing love. We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation, especially \_\_\_\_\_; for these we pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those whose lives are approaching death, and for those who have died, remembering especially \_\_\_\_\_, that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit; for this we pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Celebrant: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you. Grant that with all our hearts, with all our minds, and with all our strength, we may evermore seek your presence, and by your infinite love, keep us in your holy presence. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us make our confession.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

**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 Absolution.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **All: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: *La paz de Cristo esté siempre con ustedes.*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
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 daughters and sons gather as a brood under the safety of your wing, remembering the story of your great love for all you have created and re-remembering 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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!*

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.

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

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

**All: AMEN!**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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. Amen.<sup>[4]</sup>**

**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. <sup>[5]</sup>

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**People:** God of Elizabeth and Zachariah, Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca, Sarah, and Isaac; God the Divine Mother and Father of the wholeness of our being; we give you thanks for the gift of life. In your name we celebrate the special qualities that you have given us: the gift of connectedness, the gift of empathy, the gift of compassion, the gift of nurturing, the gift of insight, the gifts of flexibility and multiplicity. Guide us, gracious God, that we may claim the unique strengths of these gifts and use them to your glory in the world. Give us the wisdom to honor these attributes within ourselves that they may be used freely, fully, and always in your name.<sup>[6]</sup> Amen.

## **The Blessing**

God's Blessing be with you,

Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. **Amen.** *(source: Celtic, Enriching Our Worship, 70)*

## Dismissal

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and  
in Celebration of John Kazeo and Eddy Lyons' 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
by John Kazeo.

To make a donation for altar flowers, please contact [ccarpenter@calvaryonninth.org](mailto:ccarpenter@calvaryonninth.org).

This Eucharistic Prayer was developed, written and edited by The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer. Honoring the wealth of our tradition, all that has been borrowed or adapted is cited below.

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- [1] "prayer of devotion" by Dr. Karen A. Eshelman, *Women's Uncommon Prayers*, 223.  
[2] "An Affirmation of Faith," *She Who Prays*, 23  
[3] "For Love's Sake," *She Who Prays*, 23. *The responses were adapted by The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer, 2019.*  
[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] "A Woman's Special Gifts of Leadership" by Dr. Kay Collier-Sloane, *Women's Uncommon Prayers* 14. *Adapted by The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer, 2019.*

## Calvary's Prayer List

Click [PRAYER LIST](#) to view, download, or print the current Prayer list.  
*New names may be added to the prayer list by emailing the [church office](#).*

**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**

May 15, 2022

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad that you are here today. We would love to get to know you and invite you to complete one of the welcome cards in the pews and place it in the basket in the front on your way out, or hand it to one of the ushers.

**The Wardens, Vestry and Congregation of Calvary Episcopal Church invite you to participate in our Renewal of Ministry on Saturday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary followed by a reception in the parish hall. The Reverend Ann Marie Dieterle will be installed as Rector by The Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson. Your presence and prayers are requested. All are welcome to attend!

**The Rev. Josh Huber will be joining our staff Full-Time beginning on July 1st!** Josh will serve as Curate, which is a fancy word for an assistant priest who has just graduated from Seminary. In that capacity he will be working to develop our Campus Ministry among other things as he formally immerses himself in his new vocation as a Priest. Save the date for his Ordination which is scheduled for June 18 at Calvary. Welcome back Josh and Angela.

**Connie Carpenter, the parish administrator, will be out of the office on medical leave from May 10 until June 13.** Her email will be monitored periodically for announcements and invoices. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact [Rev. Ann Dieterle](#) or [Deacon Beth Simpson](#). If you have a building issue, please contact [Craig Pepmiller](#).

**[The Vestry's Stewardship Covenant with Calvary](#)**

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.



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