



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 God be with you
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which
you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the first book of Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.
(40:21-31)

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 147:1-12, 21c. We will read it in unison.

1 Hallelujah!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *

and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *

and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *

and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *

and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *

he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *

in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I

became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. (9:16-23)

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The Gospel

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. (1:29-39)

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.

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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...

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People Amen.* (BCP, 817)

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-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 say:

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 one 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^[4]

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]

A hymn may be sung.

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

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

Stephanie, Recil, Gail, Jim, Dana, John, Bob, Julie, Joel, Sharon, Ben, Jeff, Dan, Kathy, Larisa,
David, Bernadene, Alice and Mary J.

For Health of Body and Soul: 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. (BCP p. 460)

Calvary Episcopal Church Announcements

February 7, 2020

Calvary Episcopal Church and Missouri United Methodist Church are joining forces to prepare and package a light breakfast and supper for the **Room at the Inn Emergency Winter Shelter** for 2 weeks - Sunday, January 31 starting with supper through breakfast on February 14. We are meeting in large locations, socially distanced, masked, and gloved with only 6 volunteers at a time. The first location will be the atrium/kitchen of the MPR at MUMC between 2-5:00 pm on January 31 - February 6. **The second location will be at Calvary in the Parish Hall between 2-5:00 pm on February 7 - 13.** Sign-up information for volunteers and information about food donations are in Calvary News along with more information about Room at the Inn.

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.