

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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.

We bless and thank all of those who love with a motherly love on this Mother's Day. God bless you all!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Opening Acclamation:

The Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect of the Day

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The First Reading

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they

heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. (10:44-48)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 98. We will read it in unison.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, ***
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm ***
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; ***
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, ***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; ***
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, ***
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn ***
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, ***
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, ***
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world ***
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading

Lector: A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love

the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. (5:1-6)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”
(15:9-17)

Deacon or priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Holy Conversation on the Word

An Affirmation of 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.^[2]**

Prayers of the People

Deacon: “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised.” In the light of resurrection’s power we are given new birth in Christ Jesus. Having been made new let us offer our prayers to the Holy One.

Leader: You who in dawn’s first light summoned creation anew through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead; summon us afresh to be sentinels of light, hope and resurrection that in a world gripped by death, despair and desolation we may be beacons of life, joy and love. Christ be our light.

People: Shine in our hearts.

Leader: You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love. Christ be our light.

People: Shine in our hearts.

Leader: You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free from enslavement to division, disunity and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater unity and concord. Christ be our light.

People: Shine in our hearts.

Leader: You who patterned the stars and called the sun in to being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos. Pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity. Christ be our light.

People: Shine in our hearts.

Leader: You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost and the least; shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts [_____]. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world. Christ be our light.

People: Shine in our hearts.

Leader: You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare and strife. Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts [_____]. Christ be our light.

People: Shine in our hearts.

Leader: You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature; help us to delight in the diversity of the earth our island home. Inspire your people to care for the earth and its creatures and repent and return when we abuse, misuse and neglect our fellow creatures. Christ be our light.

People: Shine in our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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 remain in you, through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

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.

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:

**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!**

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 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]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: God of Elizabeth and Zachariah, Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca, Leah, 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.^[6] 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 go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Calvary's Prayer List

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

Shelley, 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.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Carolyn Miller.

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 9, 2021

Happy Mother's Day

Feeding Ourselves Task Force meets Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. You are invited to join a short-term task force to organize a way to feed our own in times of stress or celebration – a funeral, illness or the birth of a baby.

Christian Formation Task Force meets Saturday, May 22 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. You are invited to join a short-term task force to organize a way to make an overall plan for Christian Formation for all ages at Calvary.

Campus Ministry Task Force meets Sunday, May 23 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. You are invited to join this short-term task force to form a vision for this ministry, build a timeline and review what we have and what we need to get started.

Zoom information for all of the Task Force meetings can be obtained by clicking on the appropriate flyer on the Interim Work page of Calvary's website (calvaryonninth.org).

One in the Spirit: Pentecost Way of Love Revival Weekend is on Saturday, May 22 at 5-6:30 pm and Sunday, May 23 at 3-4:30 pm. This revival weekend will include events with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as well as our own Bishop Deon Johnson and members from throughout the Diocese of Missouri. For information on this event and how to participate, see Calvary News or Calvary's website.

Calvary serves at Loaves & Fishes on the 1st Sunday of each month. Many Thanks and much appreciation for all who contributed and helped with the April and May Loaves and Fishes meals!! We had a Ham and Potatoes dinner for Easter Sunday and a Cinco de Mayo meal with Mexican casseroles, rice, and beans last Sunday. With the students leaving at the end of the semester, more volunteers will be needed to pack and serve meals. For more information about Loaves & Fishes at Calvary, see Calvary News.

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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