

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 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.*

Calvary Episcopal Church

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Opening Acclamation:

The Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 second book of Samuel.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.)

Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die." (11:1-15)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 14. We will read it in unison.

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." ***
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, ***
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;**
all alike have turned bad; *

- there is none who does good; no, not one.
4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.
7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Second Reading

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (3:14-21)

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.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. (6:1-21)

Deacon or priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Holy Conversation on the Word

An Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith in God.

All: We believe in God the Creator from whom everything in heaven and earth has its being.

We believe in God the Son who lives in us and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit who empowers us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Blessed be the ONE: Source of All Being, Incarnate Word, Holy Spirit.

Prayers of the People

Priest: With all our hearts, minds, and strength, let us be united in prayer as we say,

Leader: The world is alive with your goodness, O God. It is lush and fruitful, manifesting your abundance in the world.

People: We give you thanks and open ourselves to be fruitful.

Leader: For choosing us to be temples of your Holy Spirit, dwelling places of your compassionate, patient, ever-present, and inviting love...

People: We give you thanks and own your divinity joined to our humanity.

Leader: For the fruit of wisdom born of the seeds of pain, the fruit of compassion born of the seeds of hurt, and the fruit of faith born of the seeds of fear.

People: We give you thanks and open ourselves to receive the seeds of your redeeming love.

Leader: For eyes to see and hearts to grieve over the many reasons and ways we separate ourselves from you, do harm to one another, and disrespect ourselves.

People: We give you thanks and ask you to make us one again in you.

Leader: We lift up in prayer those on our parish prayer list and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts [_____], and all those who are sick, sorrowful or suffering.

People: We give you thanks and trust your mercy for all who need.

Leader: We remember those who have died, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts [_____]. May their rest now be in peace in the paradise of God.

People: We give you thanks as we commend them into your everlasting care. Comfort all who mourn.

Leader: We are alive with your goodness, O God. We are unique, uniquely gifted; each of us being a piece of the wholeness you are.

People: We give you thanks and claim our part in your plan of salvation.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name
Amen. (BCP, 101)

Confession of Sin BCP, 360

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

God our Creator brings us new life, forgives, and redeems us: Take hold of this forgiveness and live your lives in the Spirit of Christ, blessed by God.

People: 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 Offertory



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- going to the [Stewardship](#) page on our website, or*
- dropping your check into the collection plates in the church.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship *(Form 2)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless

of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

- + Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make + us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People: **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]**

The Celebrant breaks the bread and says the following Invitation

Celebrant: Behold who you are
People: May we become what we see.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Eternal God, source of wisdom and light,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's
outpouring be with you, now and always. People: **Amen.**

(source: Celtic)

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

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

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Calvary's Saturday Café Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this group effort in some way! If you would like to volunteer for the next Saturday Café, please use the sign-up link in Calvary News. The link will take you to a document with details regarding what type of food to bring and what types of volunteer jobs are available. If you have any questions, please contact Gretchen Rohrs. There are lots of ways to help, depending on what works best for you. We hope to see you soon at the Café!

Rector Search: Please remember to keep the Discernment Team in your prayers. It is holy work they are doing and the prayer support of the parish matters!

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist with healing, 5:30 pm in the church. No registration is needed. Masks and social distancing required.

Christian Formation Task Force meeting on Monday evening at 6:30. Join us!

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.

To make your pledge online, fill in the 2021 Pledge Card on the [Stewardship](#) page on our website.



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