

CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*"A Choice" inspired by Mark 8:31-38
by Lauren Wright Pittman*

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
11:15 AM

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Welcome to worship at Calvary Episcopal Church. As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of quiet prayerful reflection after the ringing of the bell. Please join us after the service for conversation & formation in the Parish Hall.

PRELUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross **Groden**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN 401 The God of Abraham Praise **Leoni**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

KYRIE S-96

Deutsche Messe

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:22-30

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *

but when they cry to him he hears them.

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.

LETTERS TO THE CHURCH

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GRADUAL HYMN 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate (vs. 1-2)

Munich

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful genera-

tion, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Following the Gospel:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Amy Moehnke, Curate

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

EOW, vol. 1 p. 53

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form V BCP. p.389

Priest In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

Intercessor For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may

grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust especially Joe, our president, Greg, our Governor, Lyle our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

CONFESSIOIN & ABSOLUTION

Enriching Our Worship pg. 56

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord always be with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSINGS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Form III BCP. pg 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The people's offerings are collected to support the ongoing work and ministry of our community.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Table of Peace

Fettke

Table of peace: Come and eat freely.
When you must go, take his holy name with you.
Jesus, Jesus, Prince of Peace.
Jesus, Jesus, remember his name.

Table of grace: Come and drink deeply.
When you must go, take his healing name with you.
Jesus, Jesus, God of grace.
Jesus, Jesus, remember his name.

Write his name upon your heart, for he says, "Remember me."
Set his table in your heart.
Table of peace. Table of grace. Table of love.

Table of love: Come and find rest here.
When you must go, take his mighty name with you.
Jesus, Jesus, Lord of love.
Jesus, Jesus, remember his name.
His name is peace. His name is grace.
His name is love. His name is Jesus.

THE DOXOLOGY

380 vs. 3

Please stand as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C BCP pg. 361

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 him thanks and praise**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Deutsche Messe

10 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly,

19 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are

29 full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -

39 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes — in the name of the

Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as they are able

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People 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 BREAKING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD & WINE

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM 764 (WLP)

Taste and See

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Fine

All people are welcome at God's table. To receive at the altar, please stand in the left line. To receive at the standing station on the pulpit/ensemble side, stand in the right line. When you receive, you may eat the host or dip it into the chalice. You may also drink from the chalice. We use real wine. If you would like a gluten-free wafer you may ask for one or point to your hand with one finger. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

COMMUNION HYMN 675

Take Up Your Cross

Bourbon

COMMUNION HYMN 693

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Woodworth

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Book of Common Prayer, page 365

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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 637

How Firm a Foundation

Lyons

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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COMING UP AT CALVARY

Broth & Belonging: Lenten Lessons on Love, Loss & Restoration Thursdays in Lent at 6pm in the Parish Hall

Starting on Thursday, Feb 22, we will have a soup & salad dinner, watch a short video by leading Christian leaders like Brené Brown, Richard Rohr, and Rachel Held Evans. The videos will focus on the love, loss & restoration of Christ's journey to the cross, and the evening will end with a group discussion.

Flower Dedications in Narthex

In every Sunday service (except during Lent & Advent), we have real flowers behind the altar. The flowers remind us of the beauty of God's creation. You can dedicate flowers for a birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for someone or in honor of someone who is now in paradise. To dedicate flowers, simply write your name & phone number on the new Flower Dedications poster in the narthex, and make a donation with "Flower Dedication" on a memo line and a note instructing who they are dedicated to.

Palm Saturday

Saturday, March 23 | 9 AM

Concerts at Calvary presents: Eliza Gilkyson

Saturday March 23 at 6pm

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28 | 7 PM

Good Friday

Friday, March 29 | Noon

Downtown Stations of the Cross - 1:15 PM (Meet at Sanctuary)

Shadow & Light: A Musical Journey to Calvary - 7 PM Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31 | 7:30, 9, & 11 AM Services

10:15 AM Egg Hunt

Calvary Prayer List

For those who have died:

Harold Weaver
Olby Love

Healing & Strength:

Mary Kay Landrum
Roxanne Alley
Tom Poirier
Dell Ford
Carmen Hernandez
Jay VanSant
Larry Albers
Mitch Shelton
Dee & Joe Ternus
Vella Gregoire
Alicia Dawidczyk
Georgina Tucker
Frank Weir
Jan Clay
Carol MacKechnie
Pat Mazzello
Charlie & Ann Lunday
Mark Whiting
Lucy Trice
Fleeta Cunningham
Mary Poirier
Penny Whiting
Cheryl Cato
Bill Owens
Michael T. Palaima
Jack & Beverly Rhoads
Edith Fasciocco
Marshall Caskey
Carl Taylor
Jeff Woodley

***For those celebrating
birthdays & anniversaries:***

Randy & Holly Fritz
Paul & Kate Gaertner

Discernment & Wisdom:

Kim Kibby, Postulant
Adam Simenc
Tiger Davis
Daniell Caskey

Serving in the Military:

Major Will McMurrey
Lt. James Reiss
SPC Daulton Royal Robinson
George Jackson Laughead

Long Term Care or Homebound:

Vicky Henry
Ellie Weeks
Hannah Byerly
Ben & Margie Everett
Mary Poirier