

# 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  
9:00 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** He Hideth My Soul Hayes

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Please stand as you are able.

**OPENING HYMN RENEW 9** As the Deer Nyrstom

Please stand as you are able.

**KYRIE RENEW 215** Jesus, Lamb of God Pulkingham

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation:.

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* God 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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

Be the Center

*Gillard*

Jesus, be the center.

Be my source be my light, Jesus.

Jesus, be the center.

Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart.

Be the wind in these sails.

Be the reason that I live.

Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus be my vision.

Be my path be my guide, Jesus.

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

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Matt Stone, Rector*

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

*During this time, you may engage with one of the prayer stations for the Lent. You may write down something you need to let go of and watch it disappear in the water. You may find beauty in brokenness by looking through a telescope. You may light a candle for a person or situation you are holding in prayer. You may sit and pray. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, God is here for you.*

*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 Christ be always 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 ANTHEM RENEW 172**

Lord, Be Glorified

*Kilpatrick*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE DOXOLOGY**

*Renew 82*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer I EOW pg. 57*

*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 our thanks and praise**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

5 Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y and we

lift our hearts be-fore you as a to-ken of our love, ho - ly ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly.

*The people stand or kneel as they are able*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he 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."

Therefore we proclaim this mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy

Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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. **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 bread or dip it into the chalice. You may also drink from the chalice. We use real wine. 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 RENEW 107

You Are My Hiding Place

*Ledner*

COMMUNION HYMN RENEW 145

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Enriching our Worship, page 70*

**People** Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**THE BLESSING**

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*Scholtes*

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet, holy spirit, sweet heavenly dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Grace be with you.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Priest* Go in peace.

**People** **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

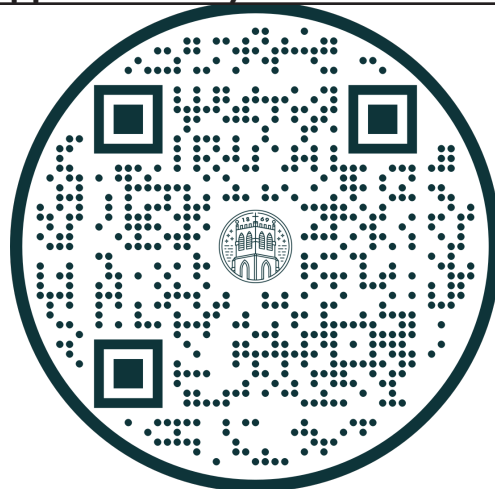
**POSTLUDE**

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**TODAY @ CALVARY**

7:30 AM            *Contemplative Rite I Service*  
8:45-12:15PM    *Nursery for children up to 4 in the Calvary  
Episcopal School building*  
9 AM                *Contemporary Service with Ensemble*  
10:15 AM          *Formation for All Ages*  
11:15 AM          *Traditional Service with Choir*

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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

<p><b><i>For those who have died:</i></b>          Harold Weaver          Olby Love</p> <p><b><i>Healing &amp; Strength:</i></b>          Mary Kay Landrum          Roxanne Alley          Tom Poirier          Dell Ford          Carmen Hernandez          Jay VanSant          Larry Albers          Mitch Shelton          Dee &amp; Joe Ternus          Vella Gregoire          Alicia Dawidczyk          Georgina Tucker          Frank Weir          Jan Clay          Carol MacKechnie          Pat Mazzello          Charlie &amp; Ann Lunday          Mark Whiting          Lucy Trice          Fleeta Cunningham          Mary Poirier          Penny Whiting          Cheryl Cato          Bill Owens          Michael T. Palaima          Jack &amp; Beverly Rhoads          Edith Fasciocco          Marshall Caskey          Carl Taylor          Jeff Woodley</p>	<p><b><i>For those celebrating birthdays &amp; anniversaries:</i></b>          Randy &amp; Holly Fritz          Paul &amp; Kate Gaertner</p> <p><b><i>Discernment &amp; Wisdom:</i></b>          Kim Kibby, Postulant          Adam Simenc          Tiger Davis          Daniell Caskey</p> <p><b><i>Serving in the Military:</i></b>          Major Will McMurrey          Lt. James Reiss          SPC Daulton Royal Robinson          George Jackson Laughead</p> <p><b><i>Long Term Care or Homebound:</i></b>          Vicky Henry          Ellie Weeks          Hannah Byerly          Ben &amp; Margie Everett          Mary Poirier</p>
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