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SUNDAYS 7:30, 9 & 11:15 AM

Welcome to Calvary! Let us give thanks to God for all the goodness in our lives. Restrooms are across Alley A in our Parish Hall. Children are always welcome to worship at Calvary. We also offer a Nursery, with trained and certified caregivers, in the School Building (left of the sanctuary) for children from birth to 4 years old.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Bread of the World

Paxton

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN 657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God

7 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly king, al -
13 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Slower
19 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
25 mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
Tempo I
32 you a - lone are the ho - ly One, you a - lone are Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

We will pray the Psalm by alternative verse.

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass, ***
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 **Take delight in the Lord, ***
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light ***
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, ***
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 **For evildoers shall be cut off, ***
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 **But the lowly shall possess the land; ***
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 **The Lord will help them and rescue them; ***
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GRADUAL HYMN WLP 775

Give Thanks for Life (vs. 1, 3)

Sine nomine

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
 2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
 3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
 4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
 caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who
 thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
 ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in

sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
 touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
 love not changed by time or death or dread,
 res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain. } Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matt Stone

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

People **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

The creed continues on the next page...

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Praying the Scriptures, p. 147

Celebrant Sisters, brothers, and siblings, do to others as you would have them do to you. Let us pray for others, saying, We have come before you, O God;

People **and here will we wait for you.**

Intercessor Merciful God, help us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us. It is a hard thing for us. Make us merciful, just as you are merciful. We have come before you, O God;

People **and here will we wait for you.**

Intercessor Holy God, make your justice shine like the noonday sun. Vindicate the meek; save the righteous; rescue those who find their refuge in you. We have come before you, O God;

People **and here will we wait for you.**

Intercessor We pray, Creator God, for those who experience the pangs of hunger. We cry to you for those dying of starvation. Bless them with provision. Give us a new appreciation for the abundance in our lives. We have come before you, O God;

People **and here will we wait for you.**

Intercessor Heal families. Heal our families. Heal the families in our community. Mend our divisions. Make us ministers of reconciliation. We have come before you, O God;

People **and here will we wait for you.**

Intercessor Heal these bodies, O God, that you have made from the dust of the earth. Deliver us, and those for whom we now pray, from our infirmities. We pray especially for...

(Pause as the congregation adds their petitions.)

Intercessor We have come before you, O God;

People **and here will we wait for you.**

Intercessor Raise in power those who have died in weakness, mighty Redeemer. Raise to imperishability those who have died in the flesh. Raise those whose bodies have returned to the dust to greater and eternal glory. We have come before you, O God;

People **and here will we wait for you.**

PRAYER FOR OUR ENEMIES

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 816

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please kneel or remain standing as you are able.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 360

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

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.**

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP, p. 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants 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. To give electronically, please use the QR code.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Help Me Lift-A-My Load

Choplin

Anybody here who feels like saying, "O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load?"
Who will join me as I'm praying? "O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load."
Anybody here who's tired and hurting? O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load.
Who is holding a secret burden? O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load.

Anthem continues on the next page...

Lift up, in the morning, lift up, in the evening.
Lift up, hear the Lord say, "I will never leave."

Lift up, take courage, be strong.
Feel the spirit leading you on.

When the world is weighing so heavy, O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load.
Hear my prayer and do not tarry. O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load.

Lift up, in the morning, lift up, in the evening.
Lift up, hear the Lord say, "I will never leave."
Lift up, take courage, be strong.
Feel the spirit leading you on to stop for a moment.
To pause and take a breath. Spend time to live in my presence.
And I will give you rest.
For I will hear you praying when you are calling me.
And when your burdens are heavy, my peace will set you free.

Lift up, O, my child, lift up, I am there.
When you struggle, know that I will care.
Lift up, come to pray, come to me.
From your worry, I will set you free.

When the world is weighing so heavy, O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load.
Hear my prayer and do not tarry. O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load.

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, p. 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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS - S128

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-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.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

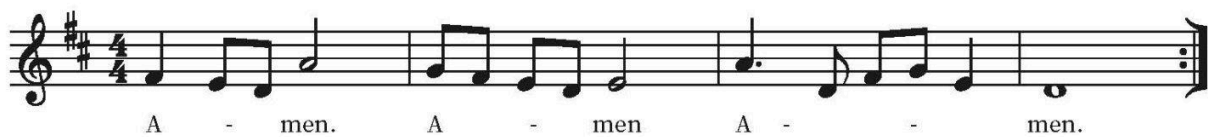
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

THE GREAT AMEN

Robinson



Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us and in the language of our hearts, 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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder
y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

THE BREAKING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD & WINE

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Now the sil-ence, now the peace, now the em - pty hands up - lift - ed;
 now the kneel - ing, now the plea, now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come; Now the hear - ing,
 now the pow - er, now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing; now the bo - dy,
 now the blood, now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion now. Now. Now.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All people are welcome at God's table. You may drink from the chalice by guiding it to your lips or you may intinct (dip) the consecrated host in the chalice or simply consume the host. 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 602 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love *Chereponi*

COMMUNION HYMN 304 I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord *Land of Rest*

Please stand as you are able.

COMMENDATION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS **As needed*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP, p. 365*

Celebrant and people **Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 379

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Abbot's Leigh

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE

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CALVARY PRAYER LIST

For those who have died:

Clara Doerr
Justin Moseley
Thomas B. Moseley
Mike Palaima
Bill Sills
Elaine Houseton
Lorelei
Gibby McCaleb
Mary Kay Landrum
Beverly Rhoades

Long Term Care/Homebound:

Vicky & Boyd Henry
Mary Poirer
Ronnie Landrum
James Jackson
Joe and Dee Turnus
Margie and Ben Everett
John McQueen
Frances Johnson
Frank Weir

***For those celebrating
birthdays and anniversaries:***

Kate & Paul Gaertner
Holly & Randy Fritz
Lois & Craig VanHoose
Jim Kershaw
Ace Phillips
Adie Kana
Lennon Barnett

Discernment & Wisdom:

Kim Kibby, Candidate
Carmen Luna Martindale
Adam Simenc
Liz Cervio
Richard Martinez

Serving In The Military:

Major Will McMurrey
Lt. James Reiss
Captain George Jackson
Laughead
RCT Justin Delacerda
AFC Tiernan O'Rourke
Cpl Dalton Robinson

Healing & Strength:

Jane Travis
Helen Weidner
Lee Holland
Mike Goodwin
Amy Weir
Patricia MacArthur & Family
Alicia Dawidczyk
Bob Boles
Vella Gregoire
Scott Martindale
Julie Hodge
Jennifer Doyle
Connie & Steven Scheid
Paige Laird
Kitty Dudics
Tom Krummins
Eileen Mankin
Lana Jill Botello
Ana Garcia Worley
Tim O'Neil
Barbara Kayton
J. William Ford, Jr.
Carolyn Erickson
Lois VanHoose
Joyce Wirgau
Andy Kinney
Carl Taylor
Buck Bland
Melba Love
Anna LaFarge

COMING UP AT CALVARY

Calvary Mardi Gras Celebration - Tuesday, March 4 at 5:30p-7p

It's the last night before Lent so let's indulge in a pancake dinner served by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew! Let's welcome Lent with style! At the second half of the night, we will burn the palms from last year's Palm Sunday to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday - March 5 8a CES, 12p Service, 4p-6p Ashes to Go, 7p Service

We will observe this solemn day with numerous opportunities for worship and the imposition of ashes:

- 8 am - Calvary Episcopal School service with ashes open to parishioners (no communion)
- 12pm - Ash Wednesday service with ashes & communion
- 4:30 to 5:30pm - Ashes to Go on Main & Chestnut
- 7pm - Ash Wednesday service with ashes & communion

Calvary Lenten Retreat - Saturday, Mar 8 at 9:30a-2:30p

All are welcome to enter into the Lenten season with a day-long silent retreat, Be Still & Love God, at Calvary, featuring a walking-size labyrinth. No registration necessary. The day will begin in the sanctuary.

Hungry Elders - Wednesday, March 12 at 11:30am

*Note because of Ash Wednesday, we'll gather the *second* Wednesday of the month. Join Calvary's senior lunch for delicious food, fun, and fellowship. Mingle with friends, enjoy a fantastic meal, and feel the love in our church family. All for just \$10 (helps keep the fun going!). See you there! No RSVP needed. Just come hungry for food and laughter.

Cultivating & Letting Go, Thursdays in Lent at 6-7:30pm in the Parish Hall

Starting on Thursday, March 13, we will have a soup & salad dinner and explore the Sacred Art program, *Cultivating and Letting Go*. Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This Lent, we're embracing the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go. We'll meet March 13, 20, 27, April 3, April 10.

Concerts at Calvary Presents: Tish Hinojosa, Friday March 28, 6:30p-8p

Tish Hinojosa is a singer-songwriter from Austin, Texas. Hinojosa's blend of folk, country, Latino, and pop has an undeniable far reaching appeal, garnering her accolades such as a White House concert at the invitation of President and Mrs. Clinton and teaming up with artists such as Joan Baez, Booker T. Jones, Flaco Jimenez, Pete Seeger, and Dwight Yoakam. Tickets are available in the link in the Scroll for a \$25 suggested donation.



Experience the Easter Story

Mardi Gras Ash Wednesday Lent Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Sunday



TUE - 5:30PM

Mardi Gras

Pancake Supper & we burn palms for the ashes.



WED - 12PM & 7PM

Ash Wednesday

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



SUN - 7:30A, 9A, 11:15AM

Palm Sunday

We wave palms to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. These palms will be next year's ashes.



THUR - 5:30PM

Maundy Thursday

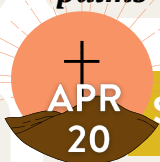
Jesus's last supper with the disciples and foot washing.



FRI - 12PM & 6:30PM

Good Friday

We acknowledge the suffering of Christ and of the world.



SUN - 7:30A, 9A, 11:15AM

Easter Sunday

*"Christ has risen!"
"Christ has risen indeed!"*

Join us for our weekly Lenten Series

Thursdays Mar 13, 20, 27, Apr 3 & 10 from 6p-7:30p

CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

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