

CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Celebration by John August Swanson

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 | 9 AM

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SUNDAYS 7:30, 9 & 11:15 AM

We gather in worship and thanksgiving to offer our gratitude to God for all life's blessings.
 After the service, we invite you to continue the morning with conversation and coffee hour in the Parish Hall.
 Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall, just across Alley A. Children are always welcome in worship.
 For families who prefer it, a staffed nursery—with trained and certified caregivers—is available in the school building to the left of the sanctuary for children from birth to age 4.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Hayes

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONG

How Great Is Our God

1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
 (2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps.
 Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
 head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great.
 the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God! Fine

20 1. 2.

2. And Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God! is our God! How great

24 1.

28 2. D.S. al Fine

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 352

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Father, We Adore You

1. Fa ther, we a - dore you, lay our lives be - fore you, how we love you.
2. Je - sus, we a - dore you, lay our lives be - fore you, how we love you.
3. Spir - it, we a - dore you, lay our lives be - fore you, how we love you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 11:1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 148

Today's psalm is Psalm 148. We will pray the psalm in unison.

- 1 **Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.**
- 2 **Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**
- 3 **Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.**
- 4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 **Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.**
- 6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7 **Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;**
- 8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
- 9 **Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;**
- 10 **Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;**
- 11 **Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;**
- 12 **Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.**
- 13 **Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.**
- 14 **He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GRADUAL SONG RENEW 276

Soon and Very Soon

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matt Stone, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 487

People You, O God, are supreme and holy. You created our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proven your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Praying the Scriptures, p. 160

Celebrant Sisters, brothers, siblings, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, "Loving God,

People **make all things new."**

Intercessor Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons. Loving God,

People **make all things new.**

Intercessor Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven. We invite your thanksgivings . . . Loving God,

People **make all things new.**

Intercessor Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the world. May our voices join the song of creation. Loving God,

People **make all things new.**

Intercessor Grant, O God, that our community might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred. Loving God,

People **make all things new.**

Intercessor Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your people. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people. Come to those we now name . . . Loving God,

People **make all things new.**

Intercessor Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life. Loving God,

***People* make all things new.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Risen 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.

GUEST WELCOME & COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

When you're ready to connect, scan the QR code to begin a text conversation with Ftr Matt & Mtr Amy. You may also complete the blue Connect Card, in the pew back in front of you, and drop in the collection plate.



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.



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 SONG RENEW 70

You Have Been Given

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY RENEW 82

Musical notation for the Doxology, featuring three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

7 Praise God _ from _ whom all bless - sings flow, praise him _ all crea - tures

12 here _ be - low; praise him _ a - bove, you heav - en - ly

host, praise Fa - ther Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Joining the Angels' Song, p. 140

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 thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

Creating God, you made the earth as a place of encounter. Here you made a covenant with your chosen people. When your children went astray you came among us in the form of your Son, showed your glory, and in his passion suffered for our sin. In him you brought every aspect of creation to its purpose. Your Son's resurrection empowered his disciples and your Spirit's fire enlivens your church. You promise us that when our story with you is completed you will inaugurate a new heaven and a new earth where we shall enjoy life with you for ever. So with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, anticipating your eternal praise, we bless you in everlasting song:

F Gm/F F Bb/F F C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

F C/E Dm F7/C Bb F C/E

might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry: Ho -

Dm Gm C7 Fsus F Dm Am/C Bb F/A

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes

Gm7 F/A Bb C7 F F7/C

in the name of the Lord; ho - san - na in the

Bb F C/E Dm Gm C7 Bb/F F

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

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Redeeming God, you have prepared a banquet for us to share with you in your kingdom. Send now your Holy Spirit, that we may taste that banquet today, that your Son may be present among us and that bread broken and wine outpoured may be for us his body and blood.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

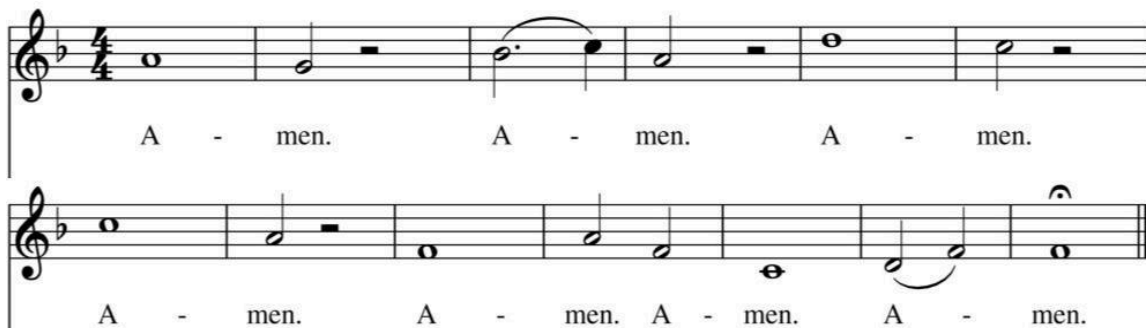
After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Transforming God, in Christ and in this holy meal you show us the shape of love. In broken bread show us the cost of your love and inspire us to love like you. In poured wine show us the constancy of your love and form us to love as truly as you love us. Remake your earth that it may breathe your life. Remake it's people that they may look like your Son. Wipe every tear from every eye, make death no more and take away mourning and crying and pain, that all may find justice in your mercy and freedom in your service, until the beginning and the ending of all things are one in you, and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE GREAT AMEN WLP 863



THE LORD'S PRAYER

A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 181

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us and in the language of our hearts, we are bold to say

People **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 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 for ever.
 Amen.

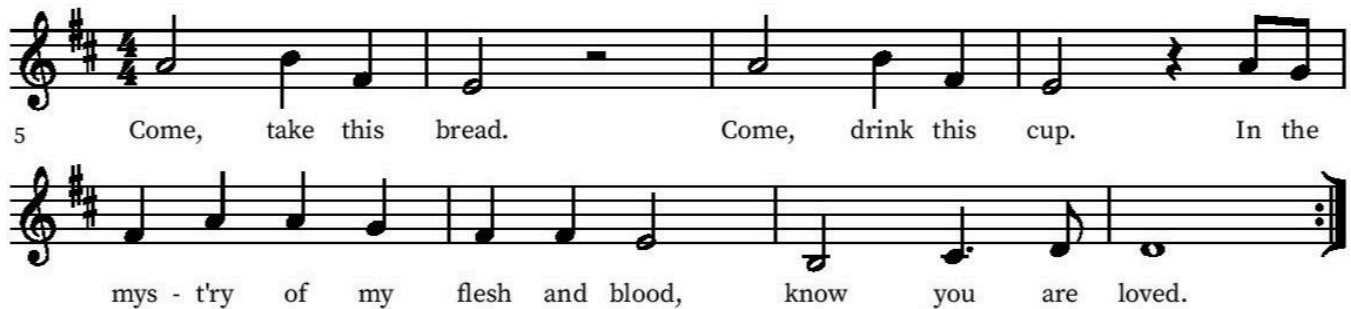
THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Know You Are Loved

Kimbro



5 Come, take this bread. Come, drink this cup. In the
 mys - t'ry of my flesh and blood, know you are loved.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION SONG RENEW 146

O Lord, Your Tenderness



One bread, — one bod - y, —

— one Lord of all, — one cup of

bles - ing which we bless. — And we, — though

man - y, — through - out the earth, We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one — Lord. —

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man, —
 2. works, one in the Lord —
 3. grown, gath - ered to one —

D.S.

1. — no more. — One
 2. — of all. — One
 3. — for all. — One

⊕ CODA

Lord. —

Please stand as you are able.

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 SONG RENEW 63

Majesty

THE DISMISSAL

Priest **We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia!**

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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CALVARY PRAYER LIST

For those who have died:

Bob Boles

Long-term care & homebound:

Vicki Henry
 Ronnie Landrum
 James Jackson
 Joe & Dee Turnus
 Margie & Ben Everett
 Frances Johnson
 Frank Weir
 Joyce Fritz

For those celebrating birthdays & anniversaries:

John Playfair
 Becky Schaefer
 Jeannine Williams
 Heather Moilan
Steven & Dominique Barnett
Will & Catherine Casey
Cam & Lisa Chavez
Elva & Martin Conrardy
Gerald & Carol Hanna
Laura & JR Krcmar
Gene & Robin Powell
Terry Seacrest & Chip Stegman
Raleigh & Peter Tirion

Discernment & wisdom:

Kim Kibby, Candidate
 Adam Simenc
 Patty Boles
 Sandy Walthall
 Mary Lou Wygant
 Dottie Haley

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 Lt. James Reiss
 Captain George Jackson
 Laughead
 RCT Justin Delacerda
 AFC Tiernan O'Rourke
 SGT Daulton Robinson
 Army Company 82

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Helen Weidner
 Lee Holland
 Mike Goodwin
 Amy Weir
 Patricia MacArthur & Family
 Alicia Dawidczyk
 Vella Gregoire
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 Julie Hodge
 Jennifer Doyle
 Paige Laird
 Kitty Dudics
 Tom Krummins
 Eileen Mankin
 Lana Jill Botello
 Ana Garcia Worley
 Tim O'Neil
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 Carolyn Erickson
 Lois VanHoose
 Suzanne Timmons
 Mary Poirer
 Barbara Kayton
 Nancy & Ben
 Deogracia Perez
 Julian Hodge
 Sally Horton
 Win Perkins
 Wanda Bell
 Madison Moran
 Lezlie Setchell
 Mary Burgener
 Rachel Richter
 Cherie Bennett
 Gage "Gabby" Avent
 Loyce Van Hoose
 Bob Wygant
 Harrison Hocker
 Gabriela Tuttrup

COMING UP AT CALVARY

Summer Worship Schedule - Starting Sunday, May 25 at 8 & 10 am

As we enter the summer season, Calvary will move to a simplified Sunday schedule with two worship services at 8 & 10 am. This shift reflects the lighter pace of the season and the reality that many of our Sunday servers, ministry leaders, and parishioners travel or take time to rest. The summer schedule also helps us steward our clergy, musicians, and volunteers more sustainably. We invite you to embrace the slower rhythm, stay connected when you're in town, and enjoy worshipping together in a more relaxed summer spirit. When you travel, please bring back a worship bulletin and put it on the glass wall near the Parish Hall doors!

Ascension Day Eucharist - Thursday, May 29 at 12 noon

Join us for a Holy Eucharist in celebration of the Feast of the Ascension, one of the Principal Feasts of the Church year. We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Cameron Spoor as our guest preacher for this solemn and joyous occasion. As we mark the moment Christ was "taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19), we gather in awe, praise, and thanksgiving. Come, lift your hearts in worship and thanksgiving as we mark Christ's ascension in glory.

The Welcome Table: Newcomer Gathering - Sundays, June 1-22, 9 am

The Welcome Table is a special gathering designed just for newcomers, whether you're exploring faith, seeking connection, or simply curious. Join us Sundays in the Parish Hall. We can't wait to meet you.

Calvary Episcopal Vacation Bible Camp - June 17-19, 9 am—12 noon

Save the date for Calvary's VBC: Tuesday—Thursday, June 17, 18 and 19. "Lions and Fires and Dreams, Oh My!": Stories from the Book of Daniel. We will have a puppet play each day along with music, crafts, games, and lunch. Register at bit.ly/cecvbc2025; sign up to volunteer at bit.ly/vbc_volunteer.

Baptisms - Sunday, June 8

Baptism is a sacred and joyful milestone - not only for individuals and families, but for the entire church community. At Calvary, we welcome infants, children, and adults into the Body of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Our next opportunity for baptism will be Pentecost Sunday on June 8 at 10 am. **To prepare, we invite candidates, parents, and sponsors to attend our Exploring Baptism class on Saturday, June 7 at 10 am—a one-hour session** designed to explore the sacrament, walk through the liturgy, and provide space for questions and reflection.

Youth Confirmation Retreat - Saturday, July 12, 9 am—4 pm

So if you're in 7th grade or older and wondering what this whole faith thing is really about...stop scrolling for sec. We're hosting a Youth Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, July 12. This is a chill space to talk about God, ask real questions, and learn what it actually means to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church. You don't have to commit to anything—just come check it out and see if it's something you want to take further. Want in? Just scan the code at right to register.

