CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH CINCINNATI, OHIO



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025
8:00 A.M. & 11:00 AM

Welcome to worship this morning, and to the joyful season of Eastertide!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Eastertide is a season of joy and renewal, when we celebrate the risen Christ and the promise of new life. In the Episcopal Church, these fifty days remind us that resurrection is not just a moment, but a way of life—one marked by hope, transformation, and grace. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." As we gather to hear God's Word and share in Holy Communion, we trust that the Risen Lord is truly among us.

At Calvary, our mission is to be "confident in God's love for us and fearless in our love for all." May this time of worship renew our spirits and send us out to share the good news: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The people's responses are in **bold**.

CARILLON PEAL

RECTOR'S WELCOME

THE **VOLUNTARY** Three Versets on 'O filii et filiae'

Paul Antonin Vidal (1863-1931)

The music provides an offering of praise to God and a space for silent preparation for worship.

The Voluntary today features music from our Skinner organ, one of the finest instruments of its kind in the region.

About the voluntary:

Although Vidal's works have largely been forgotten, he a century ago was a highly-respected French conductor, teacher, and composer—primarily based in Paris. Among his many students at the *Conservatoire de Paris* included the future legendary composer and pedagogue Nadia Boulanger. Today's organ voluntary consists of three very short variations based on the tune 'O filii et filiae' which is most often paired with the Easter hymn text O sons and daughters let us sing! (#206 in The Hymnal 1982). -hh

CHIME

WORD OF GOD Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN ('82) 535 Ye servants of God



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 (Canticle 13) ('82) S 236





Music: John Rutter (b. 1945). Copyright © 1985 Oxford University Press, Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 (chanted by the Choir and Congregation; expansive language)

The Congregation, remaining seated, sings the Antiphon before the psalm, and when indicated—and may chant the psalm text with the Choir.





Chant



1
May God be merciful to | us and | bless us, *
show us the light of the LORD's | counte|nance and | come to us.

2 Let your ways be | known up•on | earth, * your saving | health a|mong all | nations.

3

Let the peoples | praise you, · O | God; * let | all the | peoples | praise you.

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA ACCLAMATION



Setting: From Communion Service—Westminster, Buffalo; Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, `I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

ALLELUIA ACCLAMATION (see above)

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Reverend Nedi Rivera

A time of silence follows the Sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED said by ALL

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. 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 people remain standing and pray the responses in bold.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Rex Van Alstine

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray saying: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships, Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy and our bishops – for Sean, our presiding bishop; for Kristin, our bishop. For the ministry of El Hogar. For all who minister to the needs of your people, and especially for those who gather here in worship and prayer.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up. Precious Lord, in whose resurrection we find abundant hope, help our great nation to heal its wounds of inequality. Teach us to trade hatred for love, prejudice for empathy, self-interest for generosity.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle; for all of those on our prayer list, Wade, Frank, Isaiah, Mary Ann Wehrend, Deborah, Jay; For whom else do you pray? *People pray silently or aloud*. We pray that the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who have died, especially those you name, (The people pray silently or aloud) and who now rest eternally in the light and joy of the Risen Christ.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes

Almighty, and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Presider makes announcements regarding the mission and common life of the parish congregation.

Your offerings of Time, Talent, and Treasure make Calvary come to life. You are invited to give today via the plate passed or by texting to give. Simply text CalvaryEpiscopal (capitalize each word, no space) to 73256

THE HOLY COMMUNION Offertory: The People bring up the bread and wine, and the Lord's Table is set.

OFFERTORY CHORAL ANTHEM Peace I leave with you

Words: John 14:27 (Vulgate and KJV)

Music: Howard Helvey (b. 1968), based on and inspired by Gregorian Chant

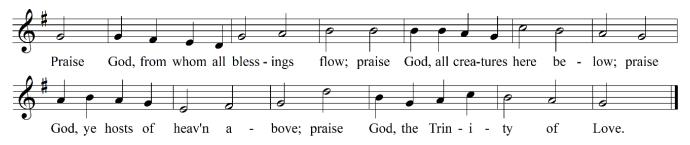
(partially translated from Latin)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Alleluia.

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This choral anthem was dedicated in loving memory of Elizabeth Christine Hill "Libby"; Liberty High School, Liberty, Missouri.

DOXOLOGY sung by ALL, standing, during the Presentation

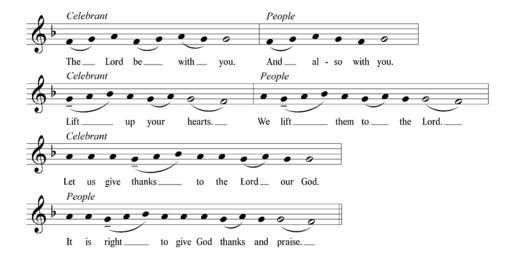


Words: adapted from hymn texts by Thomas Ken and Thomas A. Jackson Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER from Enriching our Worship 3

SURSUM CORDA ('82) S 120

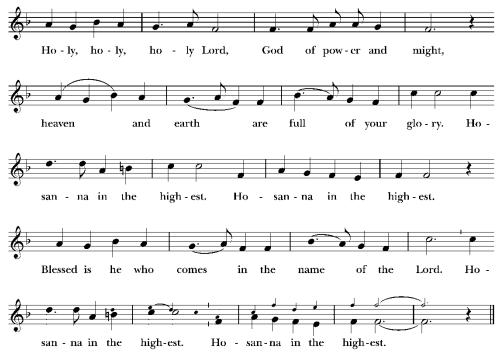


Presider continues

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS S 125 sung by ALL



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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Presider continues

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

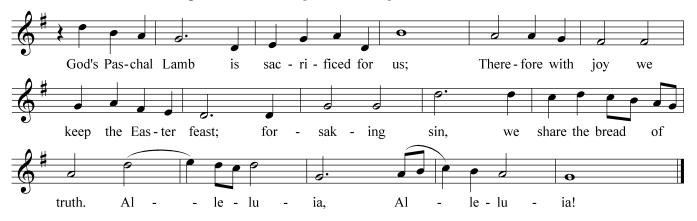
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Presider and 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 OF THE BREAD Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence follows.

FRACTION ANTHEM sung by ALL following the breaking of the Bread



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Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), © Oxford University Press.

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The Presider invites the people to communion, saying

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.

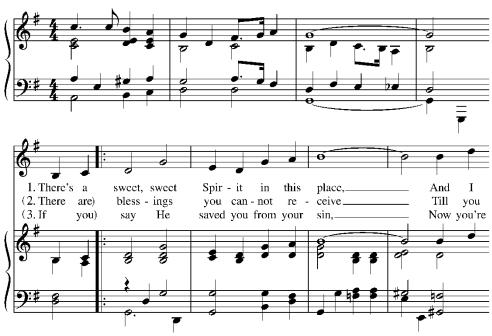
THE RECEIVING OF THE SACRAMENT

You are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring Communion to you.

Place your hands together to receive the bread. To receive the wine, take a sip from the chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN (LEVAS) 120 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit







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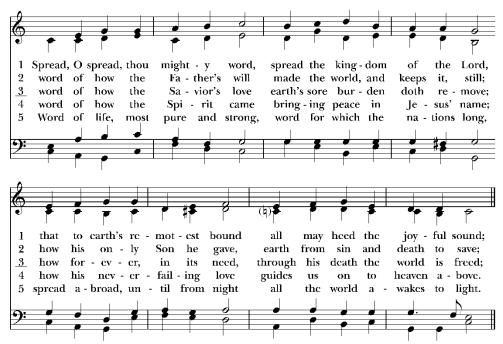
Please stand as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with your spiritual food in the sacrament of the Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed: that we may proclaim your love of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN ('82) 530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word



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THE DISMISSAL to which the People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CARILLON PEAL

MUSICAL PRELUDE (to the week ahead).

During the carillon peal and organ music, the congregation is dismissed to go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR FAMILY BY JANE PARASKEVOPOULOS.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider: The Reverend Allison English, Rector **Preacher:** The Rt. Reverend Nedi Rivera

Organist and Choirmaster: Howard Helvey

Readers: Shirley Adams and Rex Van Alstine

Chalice Bearers: Ben O'Kelley and Sherman Smith

Acolyte and Torchbearer: Xander Berger and Robert DiMartino

Ushers and Greeters: Dan Whiteley and Shirley Adams

Altar Guild: Suzanne Robinson, Janet Keller and Kathy Bedree

CONNECT AT CALVARY

TODAY, Sunday, May 25th ~ 10:00 a.m. COMMUNITY HOUR ~ Enjoy coffee and fellowship in Hannaford Hall. Resurrection stories continue with Matthew Petersen.

TODAY, Sunday, May 25th ~ TENDER MERCIES ~ Wow!! Calvary has come through in record time this month. We have food, we have servers and we are ready to go! Thank you all who have signed up. We'll see you (and/or your generous offerings) on Sunday! Blessings and thank you, Nedi & Bob

9:15 a.m. ~ Summer Stories ~ Looking for volunteers to read a storybook (provided) at the 9:15 a.m. service. It's a fun way for children and adults to share a story that relates to the lessons. It's easy and fun! Sign up on the Sunday School Bulletin board or Contact Sally@calvaryclifton.org

Wednesday, May 28 ~ 5:45-8:00 p.m. ~ LAUNDRY LOVE ~ Laundry Love continues to build community and do laundry. Helping our neighbors! Sign up to serve on the bulletin board in the church or Hannaford Hall. Last month we served 21 families and did 162 loads of laundry!

Thursday, May 29 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Join Christ Church Glendale for a festive celebration of Ascension and a blessing of their new pipe organ, by Bishop White.

HELP KEEP CALVARY GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL!

We have several gardening plots still available for adoption. Can you spare some time each week to love and nurture a plot of the Calvary Grounds? Sign up on the bulletin board.

ST. Andrew's Food Pantry Needs ~ Instant coffee, hot sauce, deodorant, dish soap, catsup, mustard, mayo, vegetable oil and plastic bags. Put donations in the blue bin in Hannaford or the back of Sanctuary.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the Rector at allison@calvaryclifton.org

Emergencies: The Rector's cell phone is available for members' pastoral emergencies. If you are being hospitalized, are having surgery, have a death in the family, are experiencing a personal crisis, or have been arrested, please call Rev. Allison at (513) 401-5781.

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