

Calvary Episcopal Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021



Online Morning Prayer 9:15 a.m.

*People respond using the words in **Bold***

Gathering Music

Sending Love

Composed by Danny Mylott

Announcements and Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Opening Music

I Love You, Lord

By Mark A. Conner

Today's Question:

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Children's Welcome

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Invitatory and Psalter

Priest: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

People: **Amen. Alleluia.**

Priest: Alleluia. The Lord has risen indeed.

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 22:24-30

24 Because he didn't despise or detest the suffering of the one who suffered— he didn't hide his face from me. No, he listened when I cried out to him for help.

25 **I offer praise in the great congregation because of you; I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor God.**

26 Let all those who are suffering eat and be full! Let all who seek the Lord praise him! pray your hearts live forever!

27 **Every part of the earth will remember and come back to the Lord; every family among all the nations will worship you.**

28 Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord, he rules all nations.

29 **Indeed, all the earth's powerful will worship him; all who are descending to the dust will kneel before him; my being also lives for him.**

30 Future descendants will serve him; generations to come will be told about my Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

The Readings

READING 1 John 4:7-21

Read by Paul Davis

Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love

God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me*

By Anna Bartlett Warner

The Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

Read by Paul Davis

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. He removes any of my branches that don’t produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can’t produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can’t produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can’t do anything. If you don’t remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Reverend Allison English

Music *Love is Here*

By Tenth Avenue North

The Apostles’ Creed
Officiant and people

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord’s Prayer said by all

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as
in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against**

us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Collect of the Day

God of deep soil and luxuriant growth; you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are; through Jesus Christ, the true vine. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The General Thanksgiving Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-707940. All rights reserved