CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH CINCINNATI, OHIO



Burning of the Houses of Parliament, J. M. W. Turner 1775-1851

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Welcome to worship this morning!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at Calvary Episcopal Church. In the Episcopal Church, we follow a rhythm of prayer and worship found in the Book of Common Prayer, the red book in the pews. You are invited to be part of this sacred rhythm, hearing scripture proclaimed, participating in the responses, praying in the silences, and singing along with the hymns and psalms. Sometimes, people will stand, bow, kneel, and gesture with their hands. These movements are meant to engage the whole body and mind in worship and are a matter of your personal spirituality.

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: We believe that our prayer together shapes our belief. You're invited to be curious and to ask questions.

How can we best include you? Please see an usher if you need help finding coloring material or the nursery for little ones, if you require a hearing aid to better participate, or if you have any other needs.

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

CARILLON PEAL

RECTOR'S WELCOME

About the voluntary:

Today's voluntary is based a Swedish Folk Melody which has virtually always been paired with Stuart K. Hine's hymn text *How great thou art*. We will congregationally sing the hymn during today's offertory. This piano arrangement was written for the funeral of my husband's father in the summer of 2020 and is one of ten solos in my 2020 book *Transformations* released later that same year. -hh

CHIME

The service today features support from Calvary's landmark Skinner/Quimby pipe organ, one of the finest instruments of its kind in the region.

WORD OF GOD Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN ('82) 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

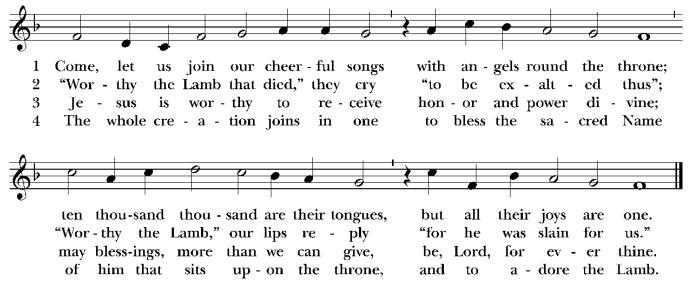


Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.

SONG OF PRAISE ('82) 374 (stanza 1 only) Come, let us join our cheerful songs



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of A Song to the Lamb. Music: Nun danket all und bringet Ehr, att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

God of restless fire and urgent river's flow: unsettle the false peace which hides our divisions; unfold our hearts to sense your presence; unloose your kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ, the first of many brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Collect for Year C, Proper 15, by Stephen Shakespeare.

Please be seated.

THE READING Jeremiah 23:23-29

Read by Ben O'Kelley

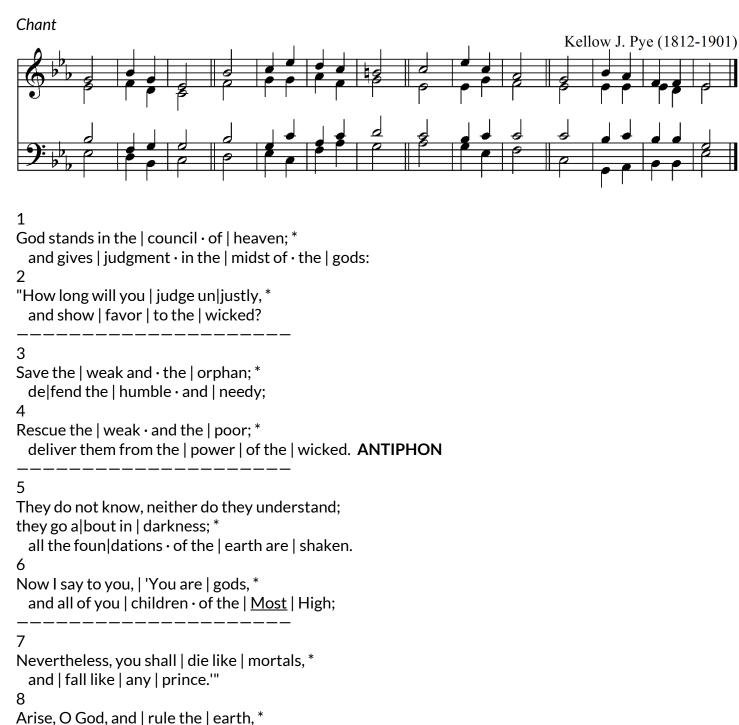
Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82 (sung by the Cantor 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 Cantor.





for you shall take all | nations | for your | own. ANTIPHON

SEQUENCE HYMN ('82) 574 (stanzas 1-2) Before thy throne, O God, we kneel



Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: St. Petersburg, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, `It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, `There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN ('82) 574 (stanzas 3-4) Before thy throne, O God, we kneel (see previous page)

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Allison English, Rector

A time of silence follows the Sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED said by ALL

This text is the contemporary revision of the Nicene Creed found in Enriching Our Worship 1 (1997), authorized for use in the Episcopal Church (USA). It offers a gender-expansive, modern English translation of the traditional creed, reflecting inclusive theological and linguistic updates.

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 people remain standing and pray the responses in bold.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Estee Dixon Powell

Kindle the fire of your passion in us, O Holy One, and baptize creation with your divine vision of justice and truth, as we pray: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Church has received God's promises made perfect in Jesus and we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses: Empower us, O Gracious One, to run with perseverance the race that is set before us and to share in your reconciling work.

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

for you shall take all nations for your own.

You have described your justice as saving the weak and orphan, defending the humble and needy: Inspire our leaders and all in authority with your vision and grace, that they may work to deliver the weak and poor from the power of oppression.

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

for you shall take all nations for your own.

You are a God who is nearby and far off; you fill heaven and earth; there are no secret places hidden from you: Let your Word burn freely to fulfill your compassionate purpose for our community and for all the people of the world.

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

for you shall take all nations for your own.

Let those who suffer look to the cross of Christ who has endured and now sits at the right hand of the throne of God. We remember especially Caroline, Jilliane, Reed Coen, Deborah, Jay, Troy, Pam and Jay Armstrong. Jeremy Curran, Jim Harrell, Phil Rainey, and Expectant Parents: Clairice and Hannah Galey, and those we name silently or aloud...

We give grateful thanks for your abundant blessing in our lives, especially for Acolyte Ministry in the Parish Cycle of Prayer. We entrust to you, as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, those who have died, especially Frances Bennett and those we name silently or aloud.

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Presider concludes:

Enlighten us with your grace, O God, and bring wisdom out of all of our divisions and conflicts, that we may rightly interpret the present time, understand the signs of our confusion, and cooperate with your intention to reconcile and heal the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

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

Silence may be kept. People may kneel or stand, as able.

Presider and 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.

The Presider stands and says

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

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.

Backpack Blessing

All students, teachers and EfM participants are invited to come forward for a blessing!

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.

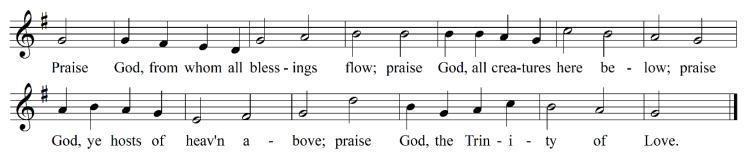
OFFERTORY HYMN (LEVAS) 60 How great thou art





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DOXOLOGY sung by ALL, standing, during the Presentation

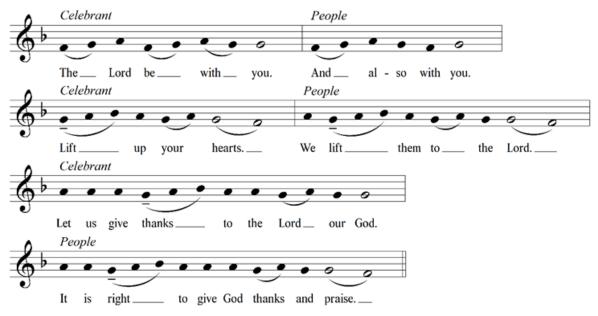


Words: adapted from hymn texts by Thomas Ken and Thomas A. Jackson Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1 FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

SURSUM CORDA ('82) S 120

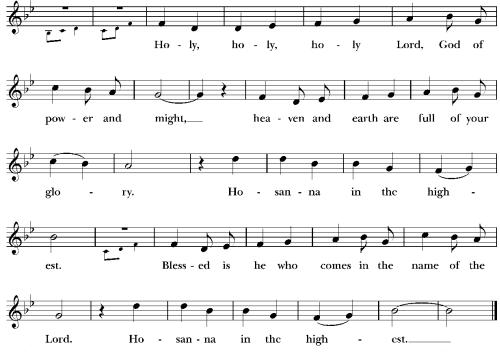


Presider chants the Proper Preface

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS ('82) S 127 SUNG BY ALL



Music: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984). Copyright © Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortrees

People may kneel or stand as able.

Presider continues

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 the mystery of faith:

Presider 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 daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

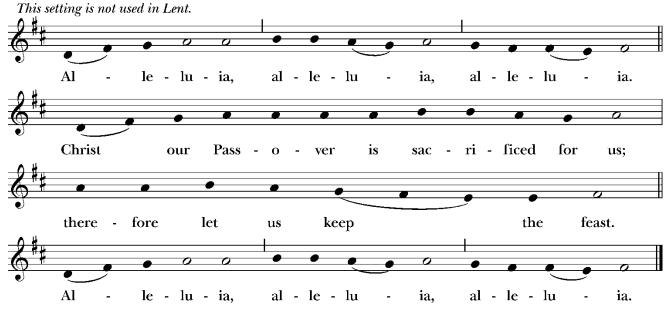
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

Presider and People

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM ('82) S 154 sung by ALL following the breaking of the Bread



Music: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

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 MUSIC Organ Improvisation

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 ('82) 623 O what their joy and their glory must be



Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Q quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider: The Right Reverend Nedi Rivera **Preacher:** The Reverend Allison English

Organist and Choirmaster: Howard Helvey

Cantor: Meg Graves

Readers: Ben O'Kelley and Estee Dixon Powell

Chalice Bearers: Jeff and Carol Spero

Acolytes: Jane, Henry and Franklin Logan and Stephanie Townes

Ushers and Greeters: Caroline Bieser and Susan Skidmore

Altar Guild: Kathleen Bedree and Janet Keller

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

We offer spoken prayers in worship for two weeks, then keep you or your loved one on our long-term prayer list for four weeks following. Please let us know if you would like to add someone who has been removed from the list, or if you have a prayer request for an ongoing issue.

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.

CALVARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Beautiful Altar Flowers enhance our worship and are given by generous donors to commemorate a special day, memory, celebration or to honor a loved one who has passed. Fresh flowers from Adrian Durbin are \$60 for a Sunday.

You are welcome and encouraged to take the flowers after the 11:00 am worship service.

To order flowers:

- Choose a date and sign up on the bulletin board at church or call the office.
- You will be contacted to secure donation information in the Bulletin notation, e.g. In loving memory of my dad George. OR In Thanksgiving for Calvary, my anniversary, the weather.
- Payment for either type can be made to Calvary Church.

CONNECT AT CALVARY: TODAY & SAVE THE DATE

TODAY ~ Blessing of the Backpacks at all Services ~ Students and teachers bring your backpack to be blessed at all of our Sunday services.

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. ~ Calvary Community Hour ~

<u>Today, Sunday, August 17 – "What Are They Thinking?" (Part II)</u> - Ethical and moral perspectives on same-sex marriage ~ Back by popular demand, Don Reed continues this engaging and thoughtful conversation exploring a range of ethical and moral perspectives on same-sex marriage. Through respectful dialogue and open listening, we'll reflect on how people of faith arrive at different conclusions—and how we can hold space for each other with grace, curiosity, and compassion.

<u>Sunday, August 24 -- Confirmation Classes begin ~</u> For more information see next page.

<u>Sunday's, August 17, 24 & 31</u> ~ 10:00 a.m. & Following 11:00 Worship ~ EfM (Education for Ministry) informational meeting and EfM registration during the 10:00 hour in Hannaford Hall and also after the 11:00 service in Hannaford Hall for new and returning EfM participants.

<u>Sunday, August 24 ~ Youth Group and Fearless Tween Parent Meeting</u> ~ 4:00 p.m. in the Discipleship Center - This meeting will be a chance to get your child signed up for the programs, get the calendar, ask questions, and share your hopes and dreams for your child's formation and discipleship. Can't make the meeting on August 24th? Reach out to Stephanie Townes directly (<u>stephanie@calvaryclifton.org</u>) and we will get your youth signed up and fill you in on all the details.

Sunday, August 24 ~ Youth Acolyte Training ~ 4:00 p.m. in the church

<u>Sunday, August, 31 ~</u> Tender Mercies ~ I made the White Chicken Chili. It was quite good. I made a few adjustments for us, but it would be very good as written. I'd be happy to discuss my changes with anyone who wants to make this. Let me know if you want to make it. it takes about an hour and a half, or it can be made in a crock pot. It can be made up to three days ahead or longer and frozen. We have a dessert and could use corn bread (or muffins), a salad or cole slaw, and perhaps shredded cheese, Fritos and avocado chunks for garnish. Let me know if you want to help provide food or serve on the 31st. Please put Tender Mercies in the Subject line. Blessings, Nedi & Bob nedirivera@gmail.com

<u>St. Andrew's Food Pantry Needs</u> ~ Toothpaste, Instant coffee, and hot sauce. Put donations in the blue bin in Hannaford or the back of Sanctuary.

<u>We need your smiling face in a photo!!</u> Send photos of your Calvary Pets too! For the Ministry Mural in Hannaford Hall. We also need to know why you LOVE the Calvary ministries you serve in! Email <u>office@calvaryclifton.org</u>

Laundry Love needs diapers – Any Size – and Personal hygiene products for women. Just leave on the stage in Hannaford!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS:

Sunday, September 7th ~ Sunday School Begins ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Second Floor classrooms.

Sunday, September 7 ~ Youth Group Kick Off ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ in the new Youth Room and then every Sunday morning following for youth in grades 6-12.

Sunday, September 7 ~ Fearless Tweens Kick Off ~ 4-5:30 p.m. and then every 1st and 3rd Sundays for students in grades 4-5.

Sunday, September 28th ~ Calvary Feast Day! ~ One 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with a visit from Bishop White.

