CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH CINCINNATI, OHIO



THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Welcome to Worship

We are open to God's grace, recognizing that we are all broken saints and redeemed sinners.

- From Calvary's Vision Statement

September is National Drug and Alcohol Addiction Recovery Month. Today, with the permission of Diocesan Bishop Kristin Uffelman White, we are consecrating non-alcoholic wine to serve at Communion.

Communion in one kind (bread or wine) is considered sufficient to make a full communion in the Episcopal Church, but many have shared their longing to occasionally receive in both kinds. Today's Communion is a visible sign of grace, a way to acknowledge and lower the barriers that keep people from fully participating at Christ's table.

In this simple act, we proclaim that the church is a place of welcome and belonging for all people—those in recovery, those seeking healing, and those who simply desire to come to the table without fear. As we share in this holy meal together, may we be reminded that God's grace meets us as we are and calls us to be a community where no one is left out.

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

CARILLON PEAL

RECTOR'S WELCOME

THE VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on 'St. Columba'

About the voluntary:

Beauty is subjective, but the Irish folk melody, *St. Columba*, has long been considered one of the most lyrical and elegant of tunes. It appears in over two hundred various denominational hymnals, and is often paired with Henry Williams Baker's "The King of love my shepherd is" (#645 in *The Hymnal 1982*), today's Closing Hymn.

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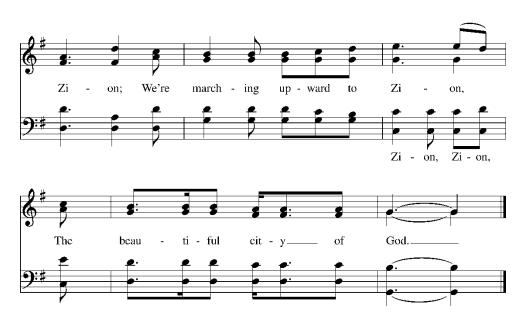
CHIME

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 **G**OD Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN (LEVAS) 12 We're marching to Zion (Come, we that love the Lord)





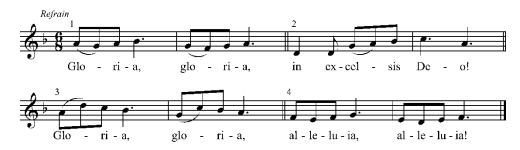
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

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.

GLORIA (MHSO) 9 (Sung 3 times: once unison by ALL, then twice as a round)



Words: from The Book of Common Prayer (1978) of the Episcopal Church USA.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY From Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

God of wandering feet; you seek out the lost before they ever turn to you: take us with you into the abandoned places to find a new community outside our fortress walls; through Jesus Christ, the Searching One. Amen.

Please be seated.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-11 (sung 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.



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For I | know my · trans|gressions, *
and my | sin is | ever · be|fore me.

Against you | only · have I | sinned *
and done what is | evil | in your | sight. Antiphon

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5
And so you are justified | when you | speak *
  and | upright | in your | judgment.
6
Indeed, I have been | wicked · from my | birth, *
  a | sinner · from my | mother's | womb.
For behold, you look for truth | deep with | in me, *
  and will make me under stand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and | I shall · be | pure; *
  wash me, and | I shall · be | clean in | deed. Antiphon
9
Make me hear of | joy and | gladness, *
 that the body you have | broken | may re|joice.
10
Hide your | face · from my | sins *
  and blot | out all | my in | iquities.
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Create in me a clean | heart, O | God, *
  and re|new a · right | spirit · with|in me. Antiphon
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SEQUENCE HYMN (LEVAS) 139 (stanzas 1-2) Pass me not, O gentle Savior





Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: William H. Doane (1832-1915).

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, `Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN (LEVAS) 139 (stanzas 3-4) Pass me not, O gentle Savior (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 Shirley Adams

Our God wraps us round in love and embraces us with mercy. There is nothing we need hide. Let us bring our needs and the needs of the whole human family to God's loving care, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the leaders of the church will be, like Moses, one with their people and outspoken on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the church will spend itself in search of the lost of this world, the homeless, the addicted, the uneducated, the ill, the rejected, and that we will dwell together in God's household, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who are far from home will live in safety, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are alienated from us and who stay away from this table, that they may return home, and that we may be watching to greet them, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick, the aged, the lonely, Ron Vanoss, Cecil Engelbert, Pam Armstrong, Mimi Gilbert, Reed Coen, Jay, Troy, and Expectant Parents: Clairice and Hannah Galey, *and those we name silently or aloud...* and any who cannot be with us today, that they may know our kindness and God's mercy, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, especially Kathleen Deborah Spain, that they dwell in Resurrection light, and that peace and forgiveness will mark the lives of we who remain in this life, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes

God of promises, you have brought us a long way and have kept us safe in our journey to you. Hear us now, and answer our prayers with delight. Teach us to run to you for all we need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. **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.

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 Write your blessed name

Words: Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471); Tr. S. Kettlewell, alt.

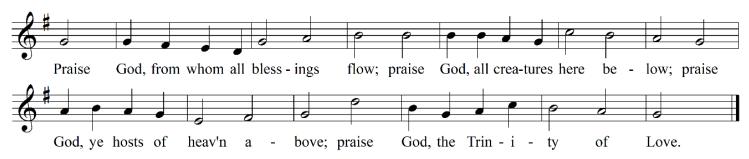
Music: K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, no adversity shall ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defence, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and faithful Guide to the courts of heav'n through the many temptations and dangers of this life.

O Jesus, my only Savior! Write your blessed name... Amen.

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.

LM

8:00 A.M. ONLY

Presider Now we give you thanks, O God.

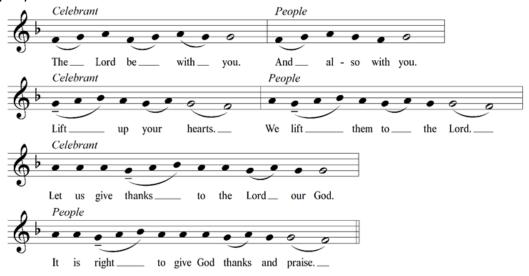
People And praise your gracious name.

Presider All things come from you, O God.

People And of your own we give you.

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Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of

interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the plants in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island

home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the

capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of your creation. But we

turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your

righteous Law. And in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant

Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

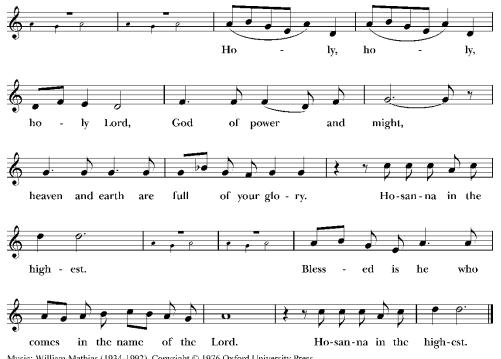
People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and

martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim

with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ('82) S 128 SUNG BY ALL



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The people kneel or stand

Presider continues

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

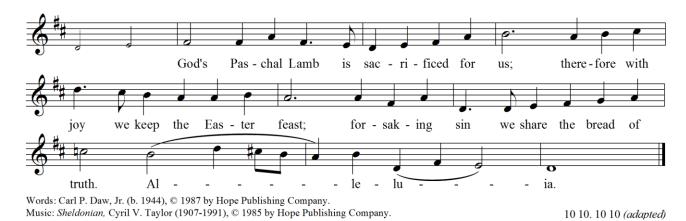
Presider and People AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 sung by ALL following the breaking of the Bread



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 ('82) 439 What wondrous love is this



Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: Wondrous Love, from The Southern Harmony, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926).

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) 645 (stanzas 1, 2, 5, & 6 only) The King of love my shepherd is



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982.

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

Preacher: The Reverend Allison English
Presider: The Rt. Reverend Nedi Rivera
Organist and Choirmaster: Howard Helvey
Readers: Tammy Bowman and Shirley Adams
Chalice Bearers: Ben O'Kelley and Eric Landen

Acolytes: Emma and Teddy Landen and Stephanie Townes

Ushers and Greeters: Carol and Jeff Spero **Altar Guild:** Caroline Bieser 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.

You're Invited to Calvary Feast Day! ~ Sunday, September 28 ~ One Service at 10:00 a.m.

What to Expect:

- A joyful Celebration of Confirmations
- Inspiring stories as our Youth Missionaries share about El Hogar
- Diocesan Bishop Kristin Uffelman White presiding and celebrating with us
- A delicious Potluck Lunch—please bring a dish to share (gluten-free options especially appreciated as a warm welcome to Bishop White and her husband)
- A time to connect, give thanks, and celebrate God's work among us

This is a day for the whole parish—let's come together in gratitude and joy. Mark your calendars, bring your favorite dish, and invite a friend to experience this special day of worship and fellowship.

CONNECT AT CALVARY: TODAY & SAVE THE DATE

<u>TODAY, September 14th</u> ~ Community Hour ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Discovering the Episcopal Way ~ Pathway to Confirmation or Reaffirmation of Faith. Discipleship.

<u>TODAY, Sunday, September 14th ~ Sunday School & Youth Group ~ 1</u>0:00 a.m. ~ Second Floor classrooms & Youth Room.

<u>TODAY</u>, <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 14</u>, ~ <u>MY SUMMER PILGRIMAGE</u> Passports Due ~ Today is the day we gather the public halves to read and learn from them. We'll give a little report in The Chimes a few weeks from now.

<u>Sunday, September, 28 ~ Tender Mercies</u> ~ Our next Tender Mercies falls on our Feast Day, the 28th of September. It's a big day—one service, the Bishop's Visitation, Confirmation, a report from El Hogar. But as long as you are making something for a pot luck, perhaps you'd like to double up. Would you be willing to make what we're serving at Tender Mercies for what you also bring to the pot luck. We're planning to serve Burrito Pie as the main dish. Salad, bread or tortillas, drinks and dessert to go with would be great. Let me know how you would like to help. Blessings, Nedi nedirivera@gmail.com Let's see how this goes. Blessings, Bob & Nedi

Tuesday, November 18th ~ 10:00 am - Noon ~ Serve Lunch at Bethany House We're looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve lunch to families at Bethany House, located at <u>4769 Reading Road</u>, just off the Norwood Lateral. No cooking experience needed — just a willing spirit!

God willing Calvary Church volunteers' can step in four times a year so the Bethany House kitchen team can attend their quarterly All-Staff Meeting. It's a small act of service that makes a big impact.

Bethany House supports homeless and at-risk families by providing the tools they need to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency. Calvary Church is proud to be a long-term community partner in this mission. If you can help/questions contact Anne Sesler: assesler@govstrategies.com 513-686-9192 (call or text) Let's serve with compassion and make a difference — one meal at a time.

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

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S LOVE FOR US FEARLESS IN OUR LOVE FOR ALL



TO GROW INWARDLY IN FAITH THROUGH WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND EDUCATION AND OUTWARDLY THROUGH INVITATION, WELCOME, AND CONNECTION

TO BE JESUS' HEART, HANDS AND FEET, HUMBLY COLLABORATING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS TO REALIZE BELOVED COMMUNITY





TO OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE, RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE ALL BROKEN SAINTS AND REDEEMED SINNERS

