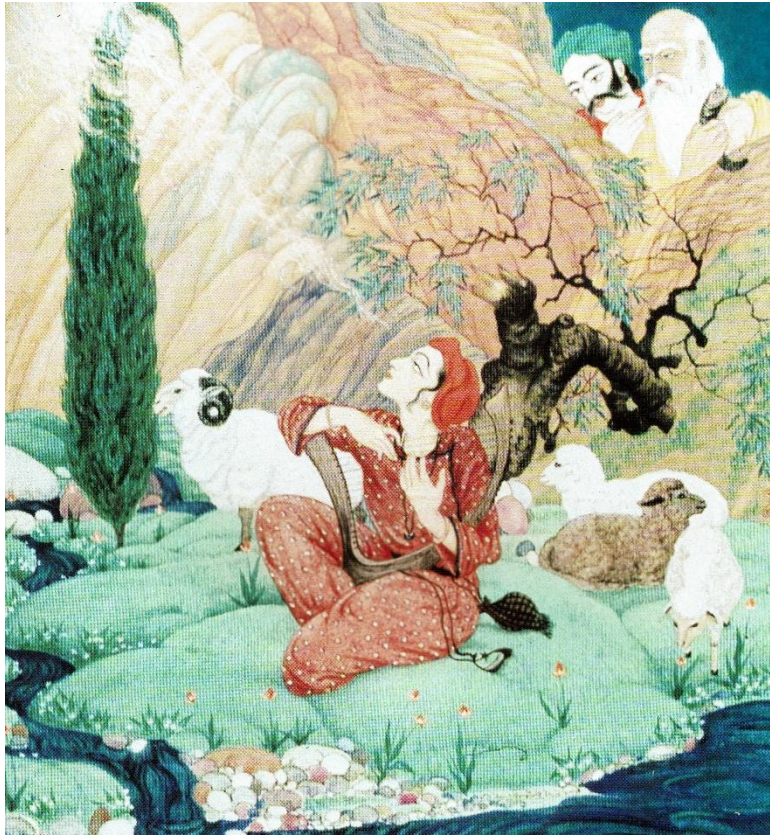


CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CINCINNATI, OHIO



Twenty-Third Psalm by Frank Wesley, 1923-2002

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025
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 *Improvisation on 'St. Columba'*

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:

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), a paraphrase of today's appointed Psalm 23. -hh

CHIME

WORD OF GOD *Please stand as you are able.*

OPENING HYMN ('82) 184 *Christ the Lord is risen again!*

1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross

Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!

al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,

Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Michael Weisse (1480-1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Christ ist erstanden*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533; harm. after Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612).

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

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to
hea-ven, 6. Glo-ry to you,
you. 6. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther,
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will
Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and
high-ly ex-alt you Glo-ry to you!
high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

READING Acts 9:36-43

Read by Ben O'Kelley

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body

and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (sung by the Choir; expansive language)

Words: adapted by Bobby McFerrin (b. 1950)
Music: Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows.
Beside the still waters, She will lead.
She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in the path of good things,
She fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.
She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
and my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me
all the days of my life,
And I will live in Her house,
forever, forever and ever.
Glory be to our Mother and Daughter
and to the Holy of Holies.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

**Traditional paraphrases of Psalm 23 will be sung by the Choir at the Offertory, and by the congregation at the closing hymn.*

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA ACCLAMATION



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

ALLELUIA ACCLAMATION (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**

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 Shirley Adams

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 Kristen, our bishop; for Olivia, our associate for nearly six years, as she continues her vocational path in faithful service to the Diocese of Southern Ohio. 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, 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 Aulta, (*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.**

CONFESSION

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

Silence may be kept. People may stand or kneel.

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.

Presider stands and pronounces absolution, God's forgiveness, saying

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.*

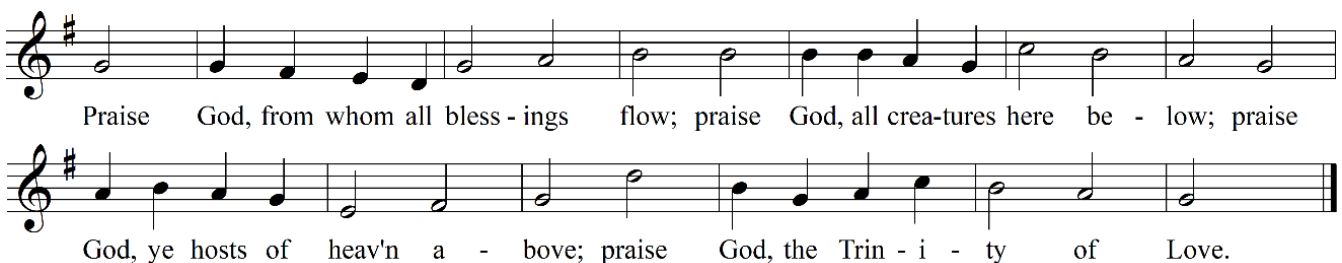
OFFERTORY CHORAL ANTHEM *The Lord my pasture will prepare*

Words: Based on Psalm 23; Joseph Addison (1672-1719), alt.
Music: Dmitri Bortniansky (1752-1825), arranged by Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

The Lord my pasture will prepare
And feed me with a shepherd's care.
His presence will my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye.
My noonday walks he will attend
And all my silent midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty mountain pant,
To fertile vales and dewy meads
My weary, wand'ring steps he leads,
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
Amid the cooling verdant landscape flow.

DOXOLOGY sung by **ALL**, standing, during the Presentation



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God, ye hosts of heav'n a - bove; praise God, the Trin - i - ty of Love.

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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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FROM Enriching our Worship 1

SURSUM CORDA ('82) S 120

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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

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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.**

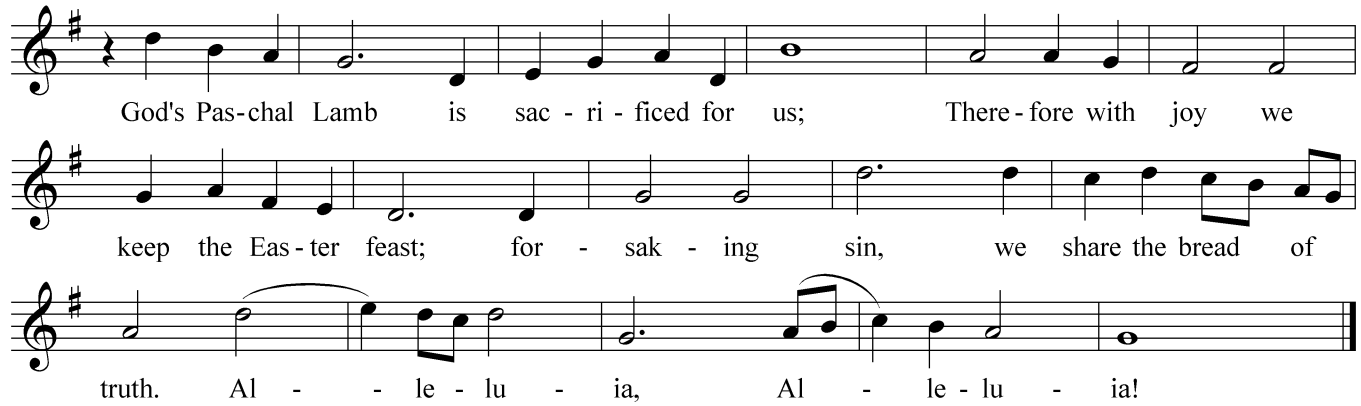
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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



Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944), © 1987 by Hope Publishing Company.

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) 110 *You hear the lambs a-cryin'*

You hear the lambs a - cry-in', hear the lambs a - cry - in',

hear the lambs a - cry-in' O Shep-herd, feed my sheep. You feed my sheep.

1. My Sav-ior spoke these words so sweet, say-in',

Oo O Shep-herd, feed my sheep,

"Pe-ter, if you love me, feed my sheep."

Oo O Shep-herd, feed my sheep. You

2. O Lord, I love thee, thou dost know;
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.
O give me grace to love thee more
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.

3. O wasn't that an awful shame?
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.
He hung three hours in mortal pain.
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; harm. Verolga Nix (b. 1933). Harm. Copyright © 1981 Abingdon. Reprinted from *Songs of Zion* by permission.

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

Descant

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 * 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never:
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *Dominus regit me*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); desc. David Willcocks (b. 1919). Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

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
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Preacher: The Reverend Allison English, Rector

Organist and Choirmaster: Howard Helvey

Readers: Ben O'Kelley and Sharon Grayton

Chalice Bearers: Eric Landen and Tammy Bowman

Acolyte and Torchbearer: Emma and Teddy Landen

Ushers and Greeters: Carol and Jeff Spero

Altar Guild: Kathleen Bedree and Estee Dixon Powell

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: Sign up by date on the list in Hannaford or contact office@calvaryclifton.org

CONNECT AT CALVARY:

Today, Sunday, May 11th ~ 10:00 a.m. COMMUNITY HOUR ~ Enjoy coffee and fellowship in Hannaford Hall. Resurrection stories continue with Matthew Petersen.

TODAY, Order a Calvary T-shirt - \$25. Each. Order by May 18th. Spread some Calvary love! See sign-up sheet and flyer on Hannaford Stage or email the church office at office@calvaryclifton.org

Sunday, May 18th ~ CALVARY GARDENING DAY & ADOPT A PLOT ~ Following 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. services. Join your church friends in spreading mulch and planting flowers and making Calvary grounds beautiful. Sign up to help on May 18 and/or to Adopt a Plot for the growing season on the bulletin board.

Sunday, May 25th ~ TENDER MERCIES ~ When I was cleaning my freezer (looking for inspiration for last Sunday's pot luck supper) I found several packages of ground beef. So Spaghetti it is! On 25 May we'll serve Pasta Bolognese, Green salad, and perhaps garlic bread. We already have the offer of amazing brownies for dessert. So here's what we need you to offer to bring: hot pasta, green salad, garlic bread, or drinks. We could accommodate a couple more servers as well. Let us know how you want to help by email (with Tender Mercies in the subject line, please:) nedirivera@gmail.com. Blessings and thank you, Nedi & Bob

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!

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.

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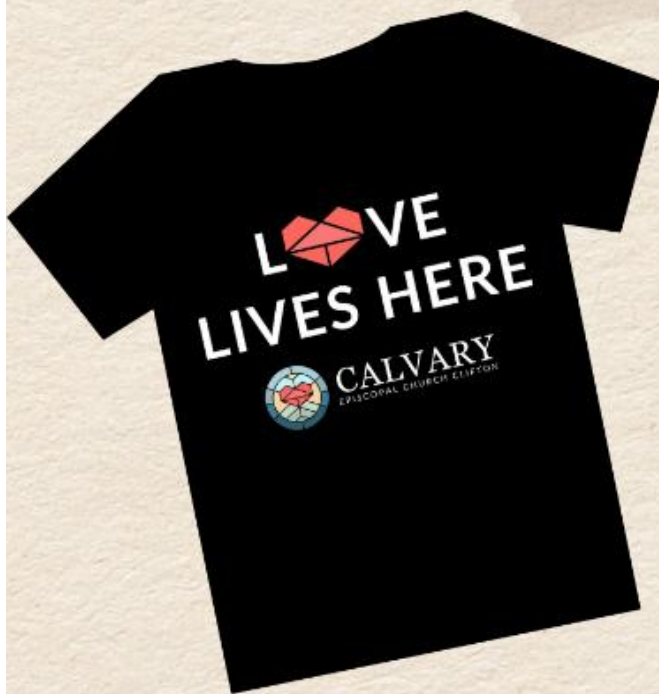
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