

Calvary Episcopal Church  
Cincinnati, Ohio



THE EASTER VIGIL

*From Dust to Breath: God's Story of Life from Death*

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026  
6:30 AM

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*Those who kept the Prayer Vigil this week prayed to die to sin. Their prayers were written on the cards that kindle this fire. As they burn, may those who offered them—and all of us—rise to new life in Christ.*

Dear friends in Christ . . .  
*The Paschal Candle is then lit from the newly kindled fire.*

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ('82) S 68

*Candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle once you enter the building.*

*The Minister bearing the Candle leads the procession into the chancel, pausing three times and singing.*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.*

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*Then Reverend Allison, standing near the Paschal Candle sings the Exsultet (or Easter Proclamation). This is an ancient hymn celebrating the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, the Resurrection of Jesus and the joining of earth to heaven and our reconciliation with God.*

*It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the day of Pentecost.*

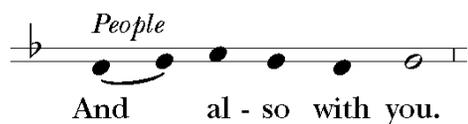
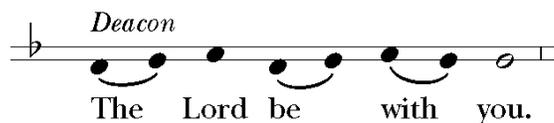
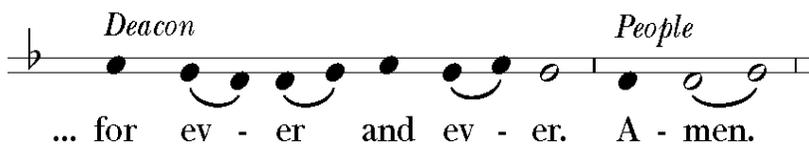
### EXSULTET

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,





# THE STORIES OF SALVATION

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God saved God's people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

*Please be seated.*

### THE STORY OF CREATION The Story of Creation - Genesis 1:1-2:2

Written by James Weldon Johnson

Read by Daren Grayton

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying in this story.

*Silence*

God brings life from death.

People Christ is our life and our hope.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### HYMN ('82) 412 Earth and All Stars



1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - cts,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!

*Refrain*

He hath done mar - vel - ous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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*Please stand as you are able.*

Presider

Let us pray (silence)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA A storytelling version of Exodus 14:10-15:1

Offered by The Reverend Allison English (Written by The Reverend Joanna Leiserson)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying in this story.

*Silence*

God brings life from death.

**People Christ is our life and our hope.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN (LEVAS) 143 *Wade in the water.*

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa-ter, chil - dren,

Fine

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
 2. See that band all dressed in red,  
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the  
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,  
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,  
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,  
 wa - ter.

D.C.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

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Presider Let us pray. (silence)

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

## SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL Isaiah 55:1-11

A Celtic Midrash by Deacon Libbie Crawford, Stephanie Townes, and Sharon Grayton

(Midrash is a genre of Jewish literature that interprets and elaborates upon biblical texts).

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying in this story.

*Silence*

God brings life from death.

**People Christ is our life and our hope.**

## HYMN

*Come to the water*

Words and Music by John Foley

Sharon Grayton, Soloist

*Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Let us pray.

(Silence)

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES Ezekiel 36:1-14

As told through the experience of Juliane Wehrend Peckingpaugh

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying in this story.

*Silence*

God brings life from death.

**People Christ is our life and our hope.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN WLP 800 *Precious Lord, take my hand*

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; \_\_\_\_\_  
 near, when my life is al - most gone; \_\_\_\_\_  
 near, and the day is past and gone; \_\_\_\_\_

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I  
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_  
 fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_  
 hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_

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Presider Let us pray.

(Silence)

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son, you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

- Presider Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.
- Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
**ALL I do.**
- Presider Do you believe in God the Father?  
**ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**ALL 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.**
- Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**ALL 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.**
- Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?  
**ALL I will, with God's help.**
- Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**ALL I will, with God's help.**
- Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**ALL I will, with God's help.**
- Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**ALL I will, with God's help.**
- Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**ALL I will, with God's help.**
- Presider Will you hold the earth in reverence as your own creation, using its resources rightly in the service of others, to God's honor and glory?  
**ALL I will, with God's help.**

Presider        May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his *fellowship those who come to him in faith*, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People are sprinkled with the waters of Baptism.*

***Bells can be found under your seat.***

## THE GREAT ALLELUIA

***Said three times, with building energy and bells!***

Presider        Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
People         The Lord is risen indeed. **Alleluia!**

HYMN ('82) 208

The strife is o'er, the battle done

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

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

*Ped.*  $\text{f}$

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en I lead! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

Presider The Lord be with you.  
 People And also with you.  
 Presider Let us pray.

God of the new creation, from the womb of earth you raised the Lord of Life: may we receive the word of women who braved the soldiers' spears and met him in the dawning light; may we live with morning joy that love will never die, through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. **Amen.**

*People sit for the reading.*

**READING Romans 6:3-11**

Read by Sherman Smith

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 114**

Read by Judy Gardner

(from Nan Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*)

Come, all you who have wandered far from the path,  
who have separated yourselves from Love;  
A banquet is prepared for you in the  
heart's Secret Room.

There you will find the way Home;  
A welcome ever awaits you!  
Even as you acknowledge the time you have erred,  
the forgiveness of the Beloved will envelop you.

Call upon the Beloved when fear arises,  
when you feel overwhelmed;  
The Eternal Listener will heed your cry;  
you will find strength to face the shadows.

Befriend all that is within you,  
discover the Sacred Altar within your heart.  
Then will abundant blessings enter your home;  
and you will welcome the Divine Guest who is ever with you.

You are never alone!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ('82) LEVAS 41 Christ has arisen, Alleluia

*Song is sung once by a choir soloist, then by ALL two more times.*

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - jice and

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the

tomb, E-ven from death dis - pel-ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him

with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting He has come to de - stroy, Our sin for-

giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

The Reverend Allison English, Rector

*A time of silence will follow the Homily.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Stephanie Townes

Easter Vigil Prayers of the People

In the hope and gladness of this Easter dawn, as the darkness gives way to light, let us pray to God, the Creator and Redeemer of all, saying Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the joy of Christ's glorious and life-giving resurrection, all the blessings of this life, and our everlasting life to come.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all members of Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, that we who have been raised with Christ may shine with the radiance of his glory.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who lead and those who serve in the Church throughout the world, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Kristin our Diocesan Bishop. May they be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the people of this and every nation may come to share the joy of Easter, and may all those in leadership lead with peace and justice.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the earth, that there may be freedom for all who are oppressed, abundance for all who are thirsty and hungry, and peace for all who live with conflict and fear.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those on the Calvary prayer list, especially for the Iranian people Lenin and Renata and their children, Anna Sia, Susan, Cory, Jon Boss, Troy, Julie, the Cook family, Pam Armstrong, Mary, Brenda Marshall, Chuck, Judah Carpenter and the Carpenter family and for those you name.

*(Offered either silently or aloud).*

[insert prayers].

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who will be baptized across your Holy Church this Easter day, especially Liam.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the fearful, the weak, those who suffer, and those who are in any sort of trouble. May they be filled with the breath of new life.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, that Christ, being raised from the dead, will deliver them from the dominion of death and lead them to life with you forever.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Concluding collect:

O God, you made this Easter for joy and gladness, and you have brought us to this dawn to witness the light of the Risen One breaking upon the world. You also know our needs before we even ask: Hear, therefore, the prayers we bring to you, and grant us grace to recognize the Risen One in our midst, the Christ now entered into glory, the firstborn from the dead, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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.*

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 or scan here:



**ALL GENERAL OFFERINGS TODAY WILL HELP SUPPORT CALVARY MINISTRIES.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

### OFFERTORY MUSIC *IMPROVISATION ON EASTER THEMES*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider Father of Mercy, Lord of life  
Out of the darkness, you brought light.  
From earth and water, you brought life. Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider From Egypt's slavery you led us forth  
Cloud and fire, you went on before  
Leading us through the desert waste. Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider Love is your Covenant, faithful and true  
Binding us one to another and you  
Promising faithfulness unto your day. Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider Over the Jordan, you brought us home  
Milk and honey gen'rously flowed  
Fruit and grain your mercy bestowed Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider Back from our exile, home to the land  
Your great mercy, your mighty hand  
Freed us again to live in your love. Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider Out of our midst you called forth a son  
Speaking your Word, proclaiming your day,  
Jesus of Nazareth, Child of your love. Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider For love of us, he laid down his life  
Showing us clearly how great is your love.  
From his torn heart, our new life is born. Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider Before he died, he took up bread  
Blessed you and broke it and to us he said,  
This is my body, given for you. Take and eat!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider Praising your faithfulness, he took the cup,  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
Poured out for you and all humankind. Take and drink.

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider From death's dark hold, your mighty love  
Raised him on high in your Spirit's pow'r  
Conquering death forevermore. Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider Pour forth on us, this bread, and this wine  
Your Holy Spirit and make us one  
The one true body of Jesus your Son. Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider Glory and honor and power are yours  
In Jesus Christ and your Spirit of love  
Now and forever, praise to you. Alleluia!

**Congregation Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**ALL Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia, Amen.**

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COMMUNION HYMN ('82) 178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

*Descant*

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

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

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## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider      May God be with you.

**People      And also with you.**

Presider      Let us pray together.

**Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world;  
May the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in Christ;  
May the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith;

And the blessing of God Creating, Redeeming and Giving Life be with you and among you today and always. **Amen.**

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

HYMN/POSTLUDE ('82) 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heav - en - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

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**Soloist:** Sharon Grayton

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**Acolyte:** Stephanie Townes

**Altar Guild:** Estee Dixon Powell

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Tom Bible and Kate Hill Tapia *by Miriam Hill*

Our family members gone before us *by the Logan family.*

Brent McKnight *by Mary and Randy McKnight*

Emmy Wilson *by Michel and Bethany Bourgeois*

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*by Jane Paraskevopoulos.*

Thanksgiving for the Calvary Church Staff *by Nedi Rivera and Bob Moore*

# 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



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# Easter Brings Hope

*You're invited into the life and ministry of Calvary in the season of Eastertide and throughout 2026.*

🌸 New to Calvary? ~You're invited to a three-part Newcomer Zoom on Monday evenings from 7:00–8:00 p.m. on **April 20, 27, and May 4**. We'll explore the history of Calvary Church, learn about our mission and vision, the Episcopal Church, and ways to connect with ministry and become involved in the life of the parish. Please join as you are able. Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86571465229>

🌸 Calvary Community Hour ~ Sunday **April 12th ~ 10 am** ~ education for all ages!

🌸 Laundry Love ~Meet us at City Limits Laundry for an evening of helping out neighbors in need with laundry! Wednesday, **April 22 ~ 5:45 – 8:00 pm**

🌸 Tender Mercies ~ Tender Mercies transforms the lives of homeless adults with mental illness by providing a community where residents can achieve their highest level of well-being. Nine people cooked and served thirty plus people on Palm Sunday evening. There are many who had seconds and Individual plates with leftovers were left for them to eat during the week. We received this note on Monday: "Thanks so much for responding and participating in Harkavy Hall Monthly Meal Service Program at Tender Mercies'. We need Calvary Episcopal Church ~ We are grateful for your help!" Help us prepare and serve dinner for the folks at Tender Mercies on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:30-6pm ~ Please email Nedi at [nedirivera@gmail.com](mailto:nedirivera@gmail.com) to help!

🌸 Family Game Night ~ Sunday **May 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 6 pm**~ Bring the family for pizza and fun games!

🌸 Martin Memorial Concert ~ Friday **May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30 pm** ~ Beautiful Organ music and worldclass choral performance.

🌸 Gardening Day ~ Sunday **May 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Following each worship service**. Help clean up the flower beds and keep Calvary grounds beautiful!

🌸 St. Andrew's Food Pantry Needs ~ Donate food for the those who are hungry: Peanut butter, Jelly, Rice, Canned soups, Ramen noodles, Mac & Cheese, Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), Instant coffee. Put donations in the blue bin in Hannaford or the back of Sanctuary.