



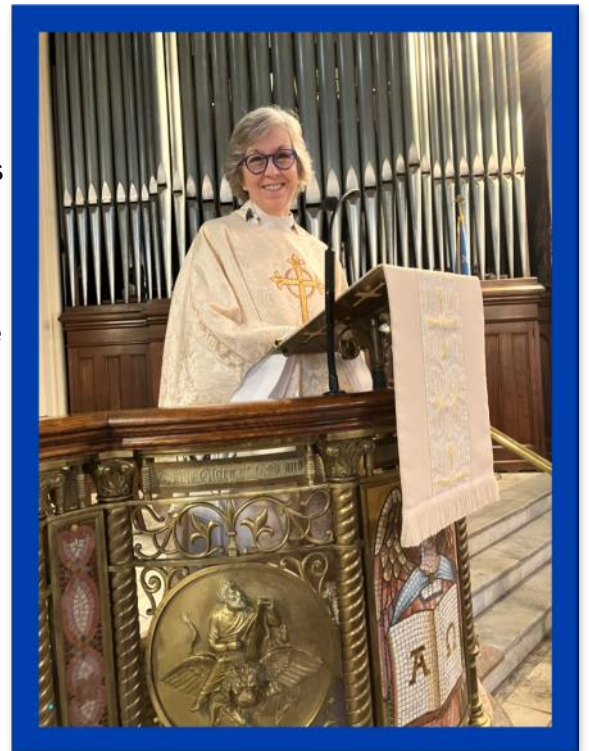
Rethinking a Violation—*The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector*

Dear Friends,

Many of you are aware that on Saturday, April 13, my wallet was stolen from my office while I was at the Church getting ready for a funeral. My office door was open and my purse was in plain sight when someone took advantage of the situation. The person who came in was captured on our cameras and the police were contacted. Mostly it has just been a pain in the neck to replace everything and remember which accounts were linked to which card. I am deeply grateful for everyone's kind words and the concern shown.

On Monday following this theft the Food Ministry Volunteers showed pictures of the individual to our neighbors who come for food in hopes that someone might recognize him. The energy around finding him grew to the point that I was becoming concerned that something bad might happen. I left that day wondering how best to move forward while balancing the desire for justice with the need not to make more of the issue than was warranted.

On Tuesday I attended the Kentucky Interfaith Network Summit on Loneliness and Isolation at the Buddhist Blessed Temple. I had no idea that I would get exactly what I needed in that Summit but I did. In the simulation event that the gathered group took part in, one person was tasked with embodying "Perpetrators of Crime." When asked how she was feeling in that moment she said, "Very alone and isolated. I want to be known for more than what I have done." Those were the words I needed, the words I believe that we all need to hear when experiencing a situation that feels very violating.



When the simulation ended I was able to thank the woman for her much-needed reminder that the person who came into the church in the midst of people coming and going in preparation for a funeral had a lot more going on to make him make this choice than we will probably ever know. If we do have a conversation at some point I hope that we are able to listen to his story and get to know him as more than just the person who took my wallet from my office. We are all more than any particular act or any particular bad decision and, most of all, we are all beloved by God and worthy of being loved by our community.

Faithfully yours,

Lee+



Palm Sunday

Calvary's Children—*Callie Hausman*, Christian Education Director

Spring is always such a beautiful time with trees budding, flowers blooming, and sweet scents. The new growth and longer days help us keep the rhythm and joy of our Spring traditions, especially Christ's resurrection. Easter morning the children enjoyed the traditional Easter Egg Hunt (indoors this year), flowering of the Cross, and decorating the Alleluia Banner.

Beginning last Fall, we have been focusing on prayers and have created our own Prayer Book to take home. This collection includes some of our most beloved prayers, and some of the exercises we have explored, such as the church calendar, the Ten Commandments (and Ten Best Ways), etc. These Prayer (note)Books are avail-



able to continue adding new favorite prayers and other information. In addition, each child has been given (if you haven't received yours yet, please let me know), their own Book of Common Prayer to keep at home. May this project bring the children a deeper connection with God through prayer and knowing their church.

During class time we have read a number of books that share themes that are important to our faith, stories about friendship, sharing, forgiveness, caring, etc. We also are intentional about the friendships we are building and the sense of community that is growing. On Sunday, May 19, we will have a celebration to thank our teachers and nursery leaders, and all of the children. More details will be forthcoming, and we hope that everyone will join us! Calvary can be very pleased knowing that our young members are thoughtful and eager to learn, and enjoy exploring their faith, making connections to the ordinary and the extraordinary, or perhaps more accurately: connections between the finite and the infinite.

Peace,

Callie Hausman



Flowering the Cross on Easter Sunday



Music Matters—Jacob Cook, Director of Music

Hello everyone! I'm writing after a very busy and meaningful Holy Week and as we now continue the Easter season of music at Calvary and with our partners at the Urban Partnership. I feel as though our musical offerings to the services of Holy Week elevated the spirit of the services and added some beauty to our sacred traditions.

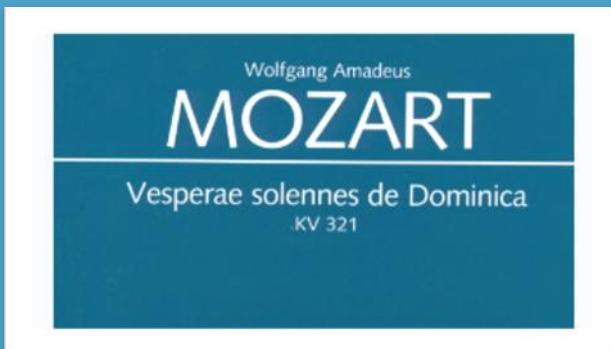
I would like to thank everyone in our congregation who shared a kind word to the choir, to Owen, or to me about the music during Holy Week. All the musicians at Calvary realize the privilege it is to share such amazing compositions with all who attend, and we are all grateful for the opportunity to do so. Thank you for continually supporting Calvary's music through the many ways in which you do.

I also want to take a moment to highlight some special events coming up as we approach Pentecost and the end of the Easter season. The first of these events has actually already taken place, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Mozart Vespers service on April 21st. It was a special afternoon of beautiful music and contemplation that was a true joy to be a part of. The next thing coming up that I want to highlight is the Feast of the Ascension service at Christ Church Cathedral on Thursday, May 9th. We will be joining the Cathedral Choir for the service, where we will be singing Gerald Fenzi's "God is Gone Up" and Franz Schuber's "Mass in G."

I am looking forward to the upcoming weeks and months at Calvary, and I hope you will find something in every service that is meaningful to you and elevates your spirit!

See you soon,

Jacob



2 *Specially composed for St. Cecilia's Day Service at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn, 1851*

God is gone up

Words by
* EDWARD TAYLOR
1646?-1729
from "Sacramental Meditations"

ANTHEM

Music by
GERALD FINZI

Allegro (non troppo) maestoso (♩ = c.138)

ORGAN *f* Gt. Reeds



Music in Lent: Emery Tran, cello, Judy Wilson, violin, Calvary Children's Choir, led by Katie Cook



New Member Spotlight—*J. C. Phelps*

This issue: Justin Asher

We are so thankful that Justin decided to call Calvary his church home. He is the featured interview in the third installment of the newest feature article of the Calvary Connection, New Member Spotlight.

Please take a minute to introduce yourself.

My name is Justin Byrd Asher. I live in the Shelby Park neighborhood, and I share a little home with my puppy dog, Miss Clara. I have a degree in international relations and Spanish, and I spent my early 20s doing a lot of traveling internationally. I love culture and language and, of course, the different food and drink that goes along with it!

For work, I do a niche legal service for health insurance companies (believe it or not, Louisville is the capital of that industry).

How did you discover Calvary? What made you decide to make your church home with us?

Last July I was looking for a new social outlet, and I felt like church was missing from my life for a few years. Jacob Middleton invited me to come and see his church. It was just after Drag Me to Church, and I didn't know what to expect exactly, but I was excited about what it could be!

From the moment I walked in the door - I felt at home at Calvary. The people of Calvary are so welcoming, and the style of worship here isn't something I had ever experienced before. I love the grand scale of our Nave and the pageantry of our services, but the quiet and reverent way we each experience it in the pews. This is a warm and beautiful place to worship.



Are you new to Louisville? If so, where did you live previously?

I consider myself a local. I grew up and went to school in Henry County. I moved into the metro as soon as I got home from college at ECU.

What's your favorite part about the city?

I absolutely love the summer festivals in Nulu and down at Waterfront Park—from Bockfest and Thunder in Spring to finishing the season off at Worldfest!

What Calvary ministries are most meaningful to you?

This year, I joined the Property Committee. I am really excited for the opportunity to learn about our church's history and be involved in its preservation for future generations.

What's an interesting fact about you?

My grandparents on both sides of the family are from Harlan—so I spent a lot of time growing up in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky around my great-grandparents. Great Grandad had a big family garden, and we would take the Jeep up into the hills to fish and call turkeys.

What lesson most significantly guides your religious/spiritual journey?

I like the concept that comes up in many of our sermons about Jesus and how God became man not just to live a sinless life and be an example, but to experience human life and all that goes along with it AS one of us.



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Food Closet Spotlight—*Margaret Dickinson, Food Closet Coordinator*

On March 19, we were thrilled and immensely inspired to receive a handwritten note from Kim, a grateful client of our Calvary Food Pantry:

Pantry friends,

No matter where we are so blessed to breathe, we are all in God's house! Sometimes we go places or encounter certain people or experience certain things, and we just know.... God is in the House! When I come here, I know... God is in the House! Just know that what you do is making a difference! You are helping do the Lord's work and helping me to do what I could not do for myself AND THEN SOME!! Trust and believe, hope and faith. (Heart picture)

Your friend,

Kim

Please keep your contributions coming! The need is great. Thank you to those who brought cereal for National Cereal Day. We ended up collecting 68 boxes and bags of cereal to distribute to our clients.

Hospitality News—*Patty Davidson and James Moody, Hospitality Committee*

We had a very good pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday with Will Cary in charge and a few helpers flipping pancakes. A delicious meal of pancakes, bacon and sausage! Richard Wilson kindly provided some wonderful red beans and rice.

Our next big event was the Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday. We were happy to share this event with our Community Partnership partners—the Cathedral, St. George's Mission and Our Merciful Savior. There were approximately 70 people in attendance—a big crowd!

We're happy to welcome a new member to the Parish Life Committee—Scott Robinson. He loves to be in the kitchen, loves to cook and loves people, so he's going to be a great addition to this committee!

Property Committee Report—*Lynne Lyndrup*

The Property Committee met in February to discuss our main projects for 2024. We welcomed a new member, Justin Asher.

Of major concern is the Chancel floor repair. The Vestry approved the request that the Chancel floor repair cost be combined with the cost of the Organ Project. Rosa Mosaic will do the work. The good news is that the structure under the Chancel floor appears to be sound.

Also of great concern is the floor along the back of the Nave. We are not sure of the structure under the floor but suspect it may be as bad as the floor was in the Bride's room. We hope to finance this project with funds from the restricted account. We will save \$10,000 by combining the two floor projects.

We received two bids for replacement windows for the office and second floor classroom: Renewal by Anderson and Atlas Windows. The bid by Atlas was significantly lower than Anderson's bid.

The fascia boards at the Ascension window are failing and need to be replaced. It is an estimated \$10,000 project. In a separate project of Will Cary, the Ascension window will be carefully removed for repair and replaced by a temporary plastic "likeness" while the work on the window is being done. This is scheduled to begin sometime in April.

The landscaping in the Courtyard will need some work in the spring. The area behind the handicap ramp leading to Parker Hall needs to be filled in and there are several boxwoods that need to be replaced. [The Courtyard was cleaned up and looked wonderful for the Easter egg hunt as well as for Clyde Warner's memorial service on April 6.]

The Treasurer discussed the Property Committee 2024 budget. We have \$50,000 in the General Facility fund, \$2,000 in Fixtures, \$8,100 in Grounds. There is \$47,000 in Restricted Funds and \$25,000 toward the potential HVAC failure during the year.

The Property Committee planned a clean-up before Easter. It was headed up by our new committee member, Justin Asher. We hoped for congregational volunteers to help in the effort and in fact the clean-up was quite successful, with parents and children pitching in as well.

General Convention 2024: Call for Volunteers

The 81st General Convention for the Episcopal Church of the U S will be held in downtown Louisville June 23-28, 2024. This will be a very large convention, with approximately 8,000 people in attendance. The Convention is set to be filled with exciting events, starting with a revival hosted by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Saturday, June 22 at the YUM! Center. A significant event to look forward to is the election of our next Presiding Bishop, which occurs only once every nine years.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event happen and to welcome attendees to Louisville. There is work available for individuals of all abilities. The areas where help will be needed include:

- Registration
- Volunteer Headquarters
- House of Deputies
- House of Bishops
- Legislative Committee
- Worship
- Hospitality
- Episcopal Church Women Meeting
- Language Services (Spanish, French, Creole)
- Public Safety
- Virtual Binder Support (technology help)

Most shifts will be during the day, but a few evening and weekend shifts will be available.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Meg Scharre, who is the volunteer coordinator for Calvary. Her contact is mescharre@twc.com or (502) 777-6416. Or use the link on the diocesan website below to sign up.

<https://www.episcopalky.org/81st%20General%20Convention/GC81.html>



Office Hours and Service Times

Sundays

9:30 AM Sunday Forum, Parker Hall
10:30 Live service and Facebook feed

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am – noon
(at other times, call Rector's cell phone, below)

Food Closest

Monday , Tuesday, Thursday 9:30–11:30 am



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