



# CALVARY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 29th, 2024  
10:30 am

We welcome ALL:  
People of Color  
LGBTQIA+  
Drag Queens  
Partnered and Single  
Differently Abled  
Families and Children  
Young and Old  
Our Unhoused Neighbors  
The Alcoholic and Addicted  
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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

*Please stand*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 546

*Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*

SIROË

SALUTATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen,*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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 S-280

Setting, Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

BCP 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM ESTHER

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

*Please be seated.*

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

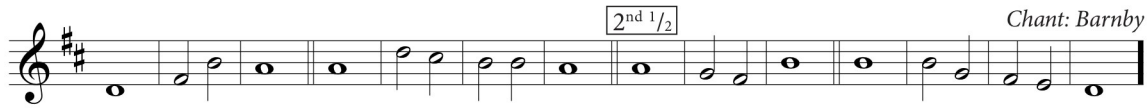
Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 124



- 1 If the LORD had not <sup>been</sup> on our side, \*  
let Israel <sup>nöw</sup> say;
- 2 If the LORD had not <sup>been</sup> on our side, \*  
when <sup>enemies</sup> rose up a<sup>gainst</sup> us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us <sup>up</sup> a<sup>live</sup> \*  
in <sup>their</sup> fierce <sup>anger</sup> toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have <sup>over</sup>whelmed us \*  
— <sup>and</sup> the <sup>torrent</sup> gone over us;
- 5 Then would the <sup>raging</sup> waters \*  
have <sup>gone</sup> right over us.
- 6 Blessèd <sup>be</sup> the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a <sup>prey</sup> for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the <sup>snare</sup> of the <sup>fowler</sup>; \*  
the snare is <sup>broken</sup>, and <sup>we</sup> have es<sup>caped</sup>.
- 8 Our help is in the <sup>Name</sup> of the LORD, \*  
the <sup>maker</sup> of <sup>heaven</sup> and <sup>earth</sup>.

A READING FROM JAMES

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.  
People           *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

SEQUENCE HYMN 635

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

WER NUR DEN LEBEN GOTT

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

Celebrant       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
People           *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

BCP 358

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, and Terry, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our Calvary Church prayer list: Donna, Missie, Lou, Jim, Lucy, Jerry, Lynne, Thomas, Linda, Myra, John, Greg, Michael, Lisa, Shelby, Larry, Stephanie, Matthew, Ruth, Bob, and Rusty.  
*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially our Calvary Church family.  
*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Andrea Morris, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, 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 *Please stand*

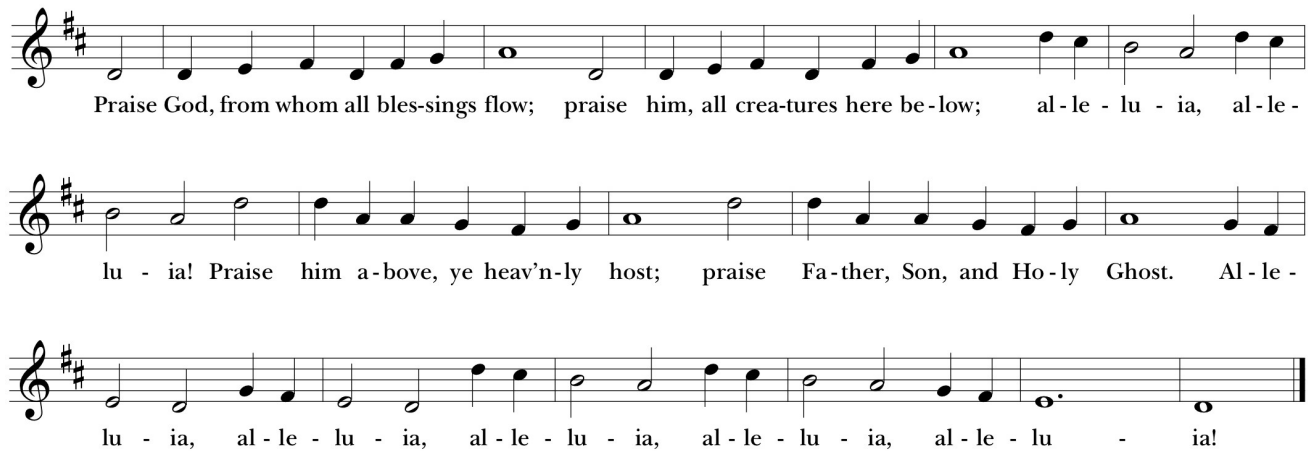
Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People          *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
 for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
 for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.  
 O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
 may I know thee more clearly,  
 love thee more dearly,  
 and follow thee more nearly, day by day.  
 Amen.

## THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Please remain standing*

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
<i>Celebrant</i>	It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.*

FRACTION ANTHEM S-155

Setting, Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

*\*If you would like a gluten free wafer please extend one hand only.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Locus iste*

ANTON BRUCKNER

Holy temple of God the Father;  
A holy place and set apart by God,  
Righteousness within its gates.

COMMUNION HYMN 343

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

ST. AGNES

*Please stand or kneel*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 347

*Go forth for God; go to the world in peace*

LITTON

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.. Alleluia, alleluia.  
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STEWARDSHIP** The “We Are Calvary” stewardship campaign began on Sunday, September 22nd. Each of us is valuable to the Calvary Community and has our own unique gift to offer. At this time in our shared life we are called to consider our financial gift for 2025. Pledge cards may be put in the offering plate, mailed into the church office, or dropped off during office hours. Pledges also may be made online on the Calvary website. Budget planning for 2025 is underway and we can’t plan without you so please turn in your pledge as soon as possible. Thank you!!

**PET BLESSING** The annual Pet Blessing will be on Sunday, October 6th, following the 10:30 am service. Please make sure to have your pets contained, and if you do not feel comfortable bringing your pet, you are welcome to bring a photo of them to be blessed.

**DIMENSIONS OF FAITH PRESENTS -- A DR. LIBBIE SCHRADER POLCZE LECTURE** Dr. Schrader Polczer's speak at St. Matthew's on October 13 at 6p, and her lecture opens a portal to a new perspective on the identity of Mary Magdalene. The lecture, “Mary Magdalene in the Gospel of John: A Case of Textual Suppression?”, outlines her argument (published in the Harvard Theological Review) that the character Martha of Bethany may be a second-century addition to the Gospel of John. After surveying dozens of ancient manuscripts with textual instabilities – especially Papyrus 66, the world’s oldest copy of the Raising of Lazarus – she suggests that the Lukan character Martha may have been added to John’s Gospel to discourage the ancient position that Lazarus's sister Mary should be identified as Mary Magdalene. In particular, Martha’s presence in John ensures that John 11:27's crucial Christological confession is not on Mary's lips.

Elizabeth "Libbie" Schrader Polczer, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of New Testament at Villanova University. She holds a doctorate in Early Christianity from Duke University, with a focus on textual criticism, Mary Magdalene, and the Gospel of John. Elizabeth has been invited to present her peer-reviewed research at Duke University, Princeton University, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Pepperdine University, Elon University, Wheaton College, Perkins School of Theology, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and the University of Regensburg and the University of Leipzig, Germany, along with dozens of churches across the U.S. and Canada.

Free tickets are available here : <https://bit.ly/3TDvpdh>

**CENTRAL LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES** Have you been hearing about CLCM at church, and curious to know more? CLCM is hosting a Community Meeting on Wednesday Oct 16, at 1pm next door at Calvary Episopal Church. You can learn more about our story, our past successes and challenges, and our upcoming projects. Light refreshments will be served. For questions or to RSVP: [kgapsis@gmail.com](mailto:kgapsis@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE: VIRTUAL WATCH PARTY** The Cathedral will host a watch party for the Investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe in Bishops' Hall on Saturday, November 2. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to arrive at 10:30 AM, with the live stream of the service beginning at 11 AM. This simpler, scaled-down service to welcome our 28th presiding bishop is ordered around a smaller carbon footprint and increased churchwide virtual engagement. You can watch Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s invitation to join the churchwide online worship here: <https://tinyurl.com/2jtt57xr>

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