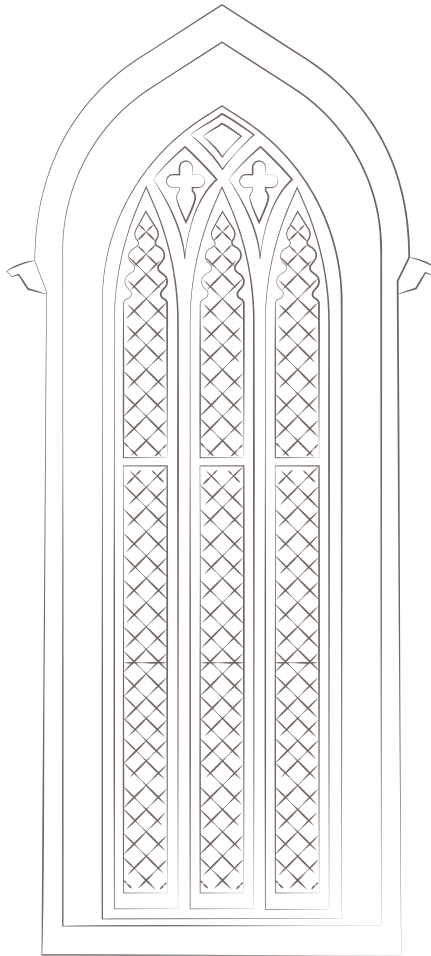




THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:30 A.M. | September 27, 2026



WELCOME TO CALVARY

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE

We believe that God speaks in innumerable ways, and as we welcome new participants in our worship, we are all encouraged to see and understand God in broader ways.

Calvary is an eclectic bunch of Christian people. We don't all think the same thoughts, or dress the same way, or vote for the same candidates, or even believe all the same things about the mystery of God and what it means to be human. But, with St. Paul, we believe we need each other because of our differences, not in spite of them. God calls us out of estrangement into unity, not uniformity. A body made up of identical members can't do much work in the world. Thumbs are so much more useful with fingers to push against, are they not?

So, I invite you to join in the life of this congregation with all that you are, in all your splendid uniqueness, maybe just for today, but maybe for the rest of your days. We are a fuller expression of Christ's body because of your presence. And has our world ever been more needful of Christ's reconciling, loving, and merciful body than now?

The Rev. Scott Walters
Rector

MEET OUR CLERGY



The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf
Bishop of the Diocese of West TN



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VISITOR INFORMATION

GETTING CONNECTED AT CALVARY

Newsletters

→ Calvary's electronic newsletter, the *E-pistle*, is emailed weekly on Wednesdays.

→ Calvary's newsletter, the *Chronicle*, is available on flat surfaces around the church or you can ask to receive one in your home.

Newcomers Class

→ Calvary periodically holds a newcomers class for any and all.

Become a Member

→ We would love to have you as a member of Calvary. Please contact us if you are interested.

For more information about any of these newsletters or visitor services, please contact Ebet Peeples at epeeples@calvarymemphis.org



Visitor Card

Please fill out an online visitor card to help us get to know you better.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Children are welcome at all Calvary worship services. We also offer the following opportunities for children each Sunday morning:

Nursery

→ Childcare, for infants and children 5 and under, is staffed by trained, professional caregivers from 7:45 a.m. to Noon on the second floor. Children aged 0-2 meet in the Infant and Toddler Nursery, while ages 3-5 meet in the PK/ JK Little Lambs Room. Both are located at the top of

the Commons stairway and are adjacent to the family restroom which is equipped with a diaper station.

Children's Chapel

→ At the 10:30 a.m. service, children JK to 2nd grade follow the children's banner to Children's Chapel and return at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion.

Service Materials

→ Episcodoodles and Worship Journals are available in the pew pockets.

→ Quiet activities are available at a station at the rear of the Nave. Children are asked to return items to the station at the end of the service.

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE

WHAT TO EXPECT

Audio Accessibility

- A wireless hearing-assistance system is available before the service begins. Please ask our audio technician, located in the rear of the nave, for a receiver.
- Printed copies of the sermon are available.

Communion

- The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the cup to guide it) or by dipping the wafer.
- If you choose not to receive the bread or the wine, you are invited to come forward, place your arms across your chest, and receive a blessing.
- Gluten-free wafers are available by request.
- If you would like communion brought to you, let one of the ushers know.



Free Parking

- On Sunday mornings, free parking is available in the “Best Park” lot directly behind the church adjacent to the church’s east entrance.
- If you are attending a service or meeting at Calvary, Monday-Friday, parking is also free.

See the Information Desk Officer after parking in the “Best Park” lot directly behind the church.

Weapon-Free

- The Calvary clergy and vestry have declared Calvary to be a weapon-free place of worship, prayer, study and fellowship, as a sign of Eucharistic peace.



Giving

If you would like to make an offering or gift to Calvary, including a payment on your pledge, scan this QR code.

Please help us create an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Let go of distractions and let the silence and music be gifts as we create sacred space.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Aria on a Chaconne

Joel Martinson

At the sound of the bell, the people stand as able and sing.

PROCESSION HYMN

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Hymnal 492

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children age 3 through second grade are invited to follow the banner in procession during the Gloria to Children’s Chapel before returning at the Peace.

GLORIA

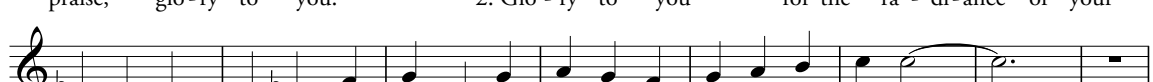
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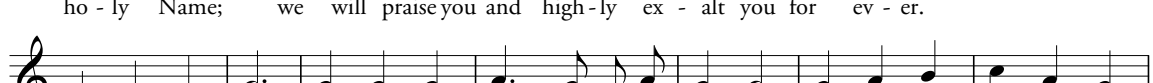
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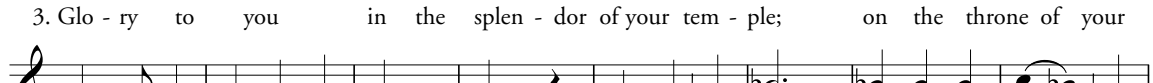
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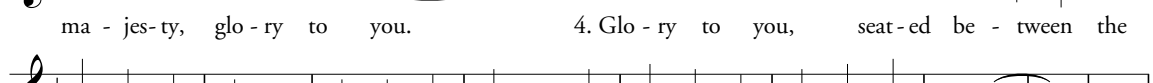
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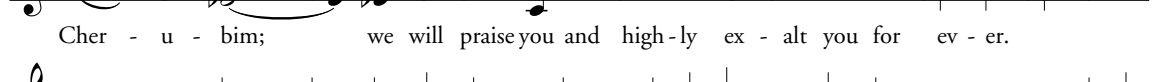
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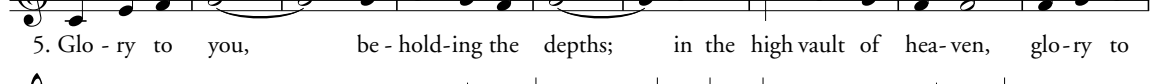
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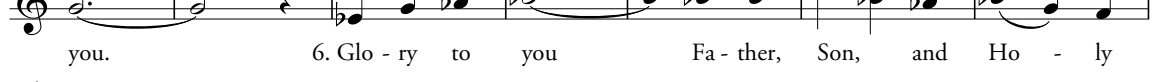
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5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to



you. 6. Glo - ry to you Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Spi - rit; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

THE COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

The Book of Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

For all to sing.

Russell in F



1 Hear my teaching, | O my | people; *
 incline your ears to the | words | of my | mouth.
2 I will open my mouth | in a | parable; *
 I will declare the | mysteries · of | ancient | times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our | forefathers · have | told us, *
 we | will not | hide from · their | children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power | of the | LORD, *
 and the wonderful | works | he has | done.
12 He worked marvels in the | sight of · their | forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, | in the | field of | Zoan.
13 He split open the sea and let | them pass | through; *
 he made the | waters · stand | up like | walls.
14 He led them with a | cloud by | day, *
 and all the night | through · with a | glow of | fire.
15 He split the hard rocks | in the | wilderness *
 and gave them | drink as | from the · great | deep.
16 He brought streams | out of · the | cliff, *
 and the waters | gushed | out like | rivers.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

The people stand to sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Hymnal 574

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Scott Walters

Printed copies of the sermon are available.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

The people stand to recite.

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV, BCP p. 388

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Phoebe our Bishop; our clergy, and ... Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including ...; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, including ...; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let this mind be in you

Lee Hoiby

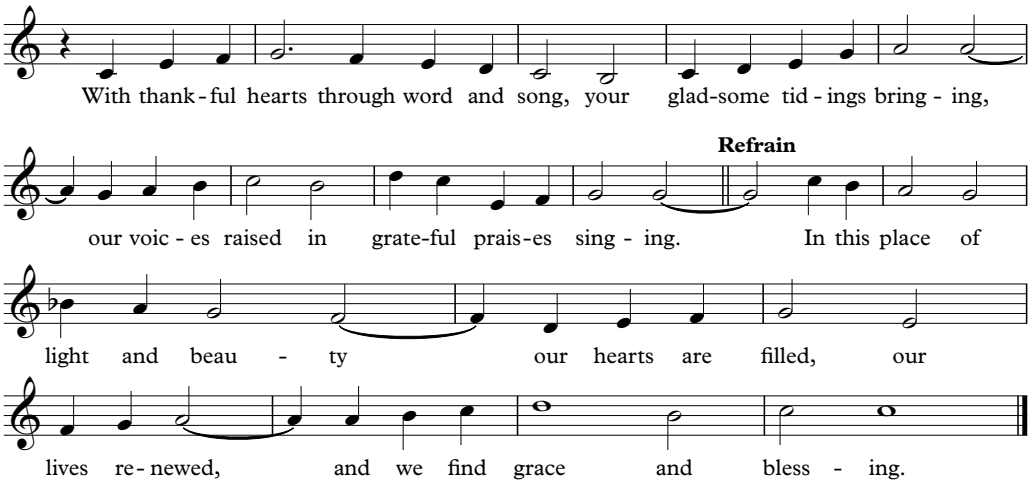
Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow; of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *(Philippians 2)*

PRESENTATION HYMN

Our thanks we give

Alvin Chiplin/Gary Davison

The people stand to sing.



With thank-ful hearts through word and song, your glad-some tid-ings bring-ing,

Refrain

our voic-es raised in grate-ful prais-es sing-ing. In this place of

light and beau-ty our hearts are filled, our

lives re-newed, and we find grace and bless-ing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **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.**

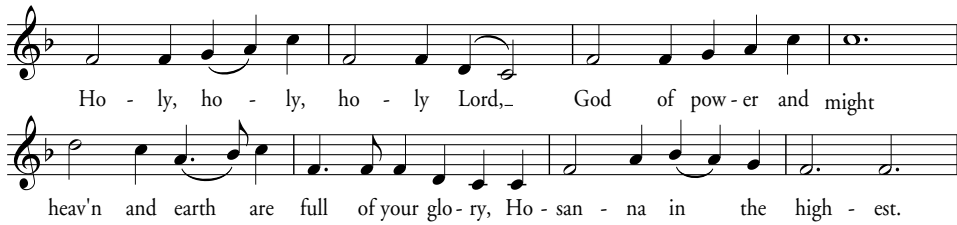
The Celebrant continues
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant says a Proper Preface.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

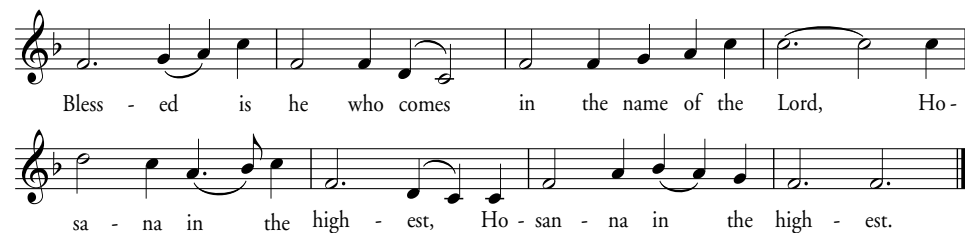
Holy, holy, holy Lord

For all to sing.



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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Frank Griswold/Richard Averre

The cantor introduces the refrain, the congregation repeats it and sings after the verse.

In this bread now bro - ken, in this cup of wine, Christ our Lord is
with us as host and guest to dine, as host and guest to dine.

Verse: I am the living Bread which has come down from heav'n; those who eat this bread shall live forever. **Refrain**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist at either the altar rail or from a server at a standing station. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the cup to guide it) or by dipping the wafer. If you choose not to receive the bread or the wine, you are invited to come forward, place your arms across your chest, and receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar rail by request. If you or someone with you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now we sing to praise

Words: Anna Briggs
Music: Ar Hyd Y Nos (Welsh traditional)

1. Now we sing to praise love's bless-ing all through our lives; laugh - ter, joy, sur -
2. How our wounds ache for love's heal-ing all through our days. How our world needs
3. Love's the grace that makes us car-ing all through our lives, urg - es us to
4. In God's faith - ful love we flour-ish all through our lives, known and loved, each

prise con-fess - ing, all through our lives. Love that dreamed a new cre - a - tion,
love's re - veal - ing, in all its ways. Fear - ful hearts sus - pect the strang - er,
warmth and shar - ing all through our lives, speaks in us, op - press-ion nam - ing,
oth - er nour-ish all through our lives. Though the world's de - mands are pres-sing,
love that dared an in - car - na - tion, love that of-fers trans - for - ma - tion all through our lives.
hard-ened na-tions arm for dang - er, love lives on, the pow'r - ful chang - er, all through our days,
strives in us, in - just - ice sham-ing, lives in us, true peace pro-claim-ing all through our lives.
what life brings is left to guess-ing, still we sing to praise love's bless-ing all through our lives.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The people stand.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
All **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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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

RETIRING HYMN

All praise to thee Hymnal 477

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Engleberg Craig Phillips

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GIVE ALTAR FLOWERS & AUMBRY CANDLES

Please contact Connie Marshall, cmarshall@calvarymemphis.org or 901-343-5329 if you are interested in giving the Altar Flowers (\$175) or Aumbry Candle (\$35) in memory or honor of a loved one. The Aumbry is a cupboard built into the wall of the sanctuary, close to the altar, that holds consecrated bread and wine for Holy Communion. It is the custom to have a candle burning (symbolic of the Light of Christ) near the Aumbry whenever the sacrament is present.

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

JoAnne Ayres	Marion Humphreys	Robert Oates
Anne Azmi	Joyce E. Jeffries	Pat Olhausen
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Andy Estes	Mary Margaret & Stan	Jacob Tittle
Gavin Garcia	Neighbors	Leslie Vescovo
Deborah Glenn	Linda Nelson	Pat Viar
Mary Ann Graf	Margaret Nelson	Steve Weitekamp
Kent Graham	Sam Nelson	Mickey Wilhite
Trish Hayley	Sissy Nickels	Carter
Joel Hobson	Judy Nocifora	Maceo and Taylor

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Molly & Wes Nelson
Skyler & Nick Street

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS & AUMBRY CANDLE

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and *in memory of Eleanor Baty Donley and Betty Louise Baty*, by Judy Nocifora.

The Aumbry Candle is given to the glory of God and *In honor of Gayle Spence on her birthday*, by Raymond Spence.

MUTUAL MINISTRY REFLECTION

A reflection of Calvary, now and for the future

TODAY at 9:15 a.m. | Memphis Room

Sunday, Oct. 4 | 11:30 a.m. | Memphis Room

Wednesday, Oct. 21 | 6:15 p.m. | Memphis Room

Zoom opportunity in October | Date and Time TBD

Where do you see God at work in Calvary’s ministries?

Which of those ministries are most meaningful to you?

What challenges do you believe we face as a congregation?

What are your hopes and dreams for Calvary in the coming years?

These are the questions we as a congregation will answer together this fall as we move through a process called Mutual Ministry Reflection (MMR).

An MMR is a way for parishes and leadership to assess how well we are fulfilling our responsibilities to each other and to the ministry we share. It seems particularly timely for us to

undertake this process now that we are past our parish renovations.

The Mutual Ministry Reflection will be strongest if as many of us as possible participate. That’s why the Vestry is hosting several hour-long focus groups in the coming months to answer the questions above.

The information we receive from these focus groups will inform the Vestry and Rector as they move through the rest of the Mutual Ministry Reflection process, guided by Canon Rob Courtney from the Diocesan Office. What we learn will guide the Vestry’s work over the next year and beyond.

Whether you attend a focus group or not, please pray for our leadership and the ongoing ministry of Calvary.

If you have any questions, please contact Senior Warden Allison Parker, allisonwparker@mac.com.

COMING UP AT CALVARY

SUNDAY

Neighborhood Breakfast | 6:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite I | 8 a.m.
Parish Breakfast | 8:45 a.m.
Connect in the Commons | 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Mutual Ministry Reflection | 9:15 a.m. | Memphis Room
Formation for all ages | 9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour | 11:45 a.m.

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study | 8 a.m. | Barth House

WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing | 12 p.m. | Chapel
Wednesday dinner | 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Classes & Choir Rehearsals | 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baguette Brothers Men's Bible Study | 8 a.m. | Barth House
Gleanings | Noon on Zoom

SATURDAY

Pet Blessing | 10 a.m.

Connect in the Commons: Weekday Small Groups—Baguette Brothers, Gleanings, Millennial Men, and Tuesday Women's Bible Study

TODAY from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Commons
God is calling. Maybe through a clipboard. Explore where your passions meet the church's needs. Swing by Commons to learn about the many ways to get connected — from altar guild to outreach, children's ministries to choir.

10/4: Room in the Inn

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Wednesdays at Noon | Chapel

Every Wednesday, Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing is offered at noon in the chapel and features a reflection from one of our clergy.

Wednesday Dinner and Programs

Wednesdays | 5:15 p.m.

Join us for Calvary's Wednesday evening program of dinner, classes, and choir rehearsals. Dinner is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children, and \$30 for a family max.

Annual Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, Oct. 3 | 10 a.m. | South Lawn

Humans from all downtown churches are invited to bring their companion animals to the south lawn at Calvary for a brief worship service and blessing for the animals who are entrusted to our care. We will have treat bags for cats and dogs prepared by our youth!

If you have departed animals that you would like included in the prayers, please contact Clay Woemmel, cwoemmel@gmail.com, with subject line: "Blessing of the Animals 2026 Pets Departed." Include your animal's name, your name, and your church name.

Flu and Covid Shots Available

Sunday, Oct. 4 | 11:30 a.m. | Mural Room

Walgreens Pharmacy will offer flu and Covid vaccinations during Coffee Hour. Please bring your insurance card to receive a Covid shot. Vouchers are available for flu shots for those without insurance.

Evensong

Sunday, Oct. 4 | 5 p.m. | Nave

Close your day with prayer at Evensong, a longstanding liturgy of the Anglican Church where the congregation is invited to listen, meditate, and simply enjoy the music and words. This month's service includes music of Bernard Rose, Charles Stanford, and Josef Rheinberger.

Family Feast Eucharist: St. Francis & Blessing of the Stuffed Animals

Wednesday, Oct. 7 | 5:15 p.m. | Chapel

Come to a liturgy specially designed for children. All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple

communion service. Stay for dinner and more, or head home for bedtime.

Queerly Beloved Monthly Brunch

Sunday, Oct. 11 | 2-5 p.m. | the Rev. Wesley Rowell's home

Join us for the first Queerly Beloved Brunch, a new monthly gathering for Calvary's LGBTQ+ community. Drop in anytime for food, fellowship, and time together in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Queerly Beloved grew out of our desire to create more opportunities for connection, friendship, and community beyond Sunday mornings for our Queer Calvary Community. Please RSVP to Wesley for more details: wrowell@calvarymemphis.org.

St. Clare Women's Silent Retreat Weekend at St. Columba

Friday, Oct. 16 – Sunday, Oct. 18 | St. Columba

Our weekend retreat this fall will be led by the Rev. Patricia Matthews, Episcopal priest and Executive Director of The Interfaith Center in Little Rock, AR. Patricia will draw on the teachings of Thich Nhat Hahn, author of *Peace is Every Step*, and we will practice dwelling peacefully in the present moment.

For more information and registration: saintcolumbamemphis.org/silent-retreats.

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FOR ADULTS

SUNDAYS

Hope in Times Like These

Sunday, Oct. 4 & 11 | 9:15 a.m. | Chapel
Bible scholar Mitzi Minor leads a two-week exploration of some of the wisdom of the Bible, which calls us to be people of hope even in hard times.

WEDNESDAYS

Faith, Technology, and the Good Life

Wednesdays, Sept. 2 - Oct. 7 | 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. | Chapel
Paige Whittle and Scott Walters will explore the relationship between culture and technology and their impact on human flourishing, focusing on the blog “The Convivial Society,” by L.M. Sacasas.

Adult Confirmation Classes begin Oct. 7

Wednesdays, Oct. 7 - Dec. 2 | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Corner Room
RSVP: www.calvarymemphis.org/confirmation.

WEEKDAYS

Online Morning Prayer

Tuesday through Fridays | 6:30 a.m.
An online early morning reading of Morning Prayer according to The *Book of Common Prayer* on Calvary’s Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Women’s Bible Study with the Rev. Katherine Bush

Tuesdays | 8-9 a.m. | Barth House
A weekly meeting of Calvary women and friends for a conversation about the Bible and the way we live our lives.

Baguette Brothers Men’s Bible Study

Thursdays | 8-9 a.m. | Barth House
A weekly gathering of men to read and discuss the Gospel passage for Sunday to prepare for worship and deepen their understanding of Scripture.

Gleanings: Liturgies of the Wild with Scott Walters

Thursdays | Noon | on Zoom
A weekly Zoom discussion of Martin Shaw’s most recent book. Contact swalters@calvarymemphis.org, to receive the weekly email with Zoom link and reading assignments.

Calvary Millennial Men

Bi-weekly on Thursdays | 7:30 p.m. | Cooper House Project, 906 Cooper St.
An informal gathering for men in the millennial generation (and millennial adjacent) to connect, build friendships, and talk about faith, God, church and life.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children’s Formation (SK-5th Grade)

Sundays | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | Children’s Wing
Grades SK-2nd meet in Room B for The Parables, a series of Godly Play, which is a Montessori-based Christian faith formation program for children. Team leaders explore sacred stories of the Bible with children as they learn the language of our faith. Each session includes storytelling, hands-on participation, wondering, reflecting, prayer, and creativity. Grades 3-5 meet in Room C for Meet the Saints by Forward Movement.

Youth Formation (Grades 6-12)

Sundays | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | 4th Floor
Young people in grades 6-12 meet together on the 4th floor for activities and discussions oriented toward tending to our individual and collective spiritual formation by exploring scripture, observing and celebrating the seasons of the liturgical calendar, considering theological questions, and sharing our journeys in discovering our place and purpose in the church.

Children’s Chapel

Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. service | Corner Room
Children follow the banner out to their own experience of the liturgy of the word in an interactive and child-friendly manner. They return to church at the Peace to join their families for Communion.

Youth Office Hours at Sugar Ghost

Last Mondays | 3-6 p.m. | 2615 Broad Ave. | with Nathan Brasfield
Stop by Sugar Ghost any time between 3-6 p.m. on the last Monday of the month Aug. 31 to Nov. 30 to enjoy an ice cream or bubble tea, compliments of Calvary. Come hang out with Nathan and any other folks who drop in!

Gathering (Ages 5 and up)

Wednesdays | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Mural Room
Gathering is an opportunity for children and adults to “sit and stay a while” after dinner for an hour of fellowship. Games, books, puzzles, and coloring materials will be provided. Mrs. Kaitlin and friends will supervise children ages 5 and up if parents wish to attend a class.

Wednesday Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | 4th Floor
Young people in grades 6-12 meet together for activities oriented toward building inward community or serving our outward community. We conclude with Compline (the short prayer service for nighttime in the Book of Common Prayer) in the nave at 7:05 p.m. Anyone joining for Wednesday EYC is welcome to join Youth Ministries folks in the Mural Room for dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m.

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