

# *Fourth Sunday of Easter*



April 21, 2024

## **SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE**

### **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING SONG - Everlasting God

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
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Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.*

*Our God, you reign forever.  
Our Hope, our strong deliverer.*

*You are the everlasting God.  
The everlasting God.  
You do not faint, you won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.*

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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

## GLORIA

Hymn # S-280

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray together.

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

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### THE PSALM

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN - No Not One

1. *There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus*

*No not one, no not one*

*No one else could heal all our souls' diseases*

*No not one, no not one*

2. *No friend like Him is so high and holy*

*No not one, no not one*

*And yet no friend is so meek and lowly*

*No not one, no not one*

*Chorus:*

*Jesus knows all about our troubles*

*He will guide till the day is done*

*There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus*

*No not one, no not one.*

3. *There's not an hour that He is not near us*

*No not one, no not one*

*No night so dark that His love can't cheer us*

*No not one, no not one*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

SERMON RESPONSE - Oceans

1. *You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand*

2. *Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now*

*Chorus:  
And I will call upon your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in your embrace  
For I am yours and you are mine*

*Bridge:  
Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the water  
Wherever you would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior*

**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 III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your name may be glorified by all peoples.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor our Bishops; Ralph our Priest; and Nancy our Deacon.  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially \_\_\_\_\_;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially \_\_\_\_\_;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
(Silence)

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

*It has been a general practice in the Episcopal Church to omit the confession of sin during the season of Easter. The idea behind this practice is that the faithful have had all of Lent to confess their sins, as well as to ponder how they might live a more holy life. When Easter comes the time for confessing has ended, and we enter into a time of extended grace.*

### **THE PEACE**

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

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE OFFERTORY - Beautiful One**

1. Wonderful, so wonderful is your unfailing love,  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.  
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,  
No heart could fully know  
How glorious, how beautiful you are!

2. Powerful, so powerful, your glory fills the skies,  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.  
The beauty of your majesty awakes my heart to sing.  
How marvelous, how wonderful you are.

3. You opened my eyes to your wonders anew,  
You captured my heart with this love  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as you.

(Chorus)  
Beautiful one I love you,  
Beautiful one I adore,  
Beautiful one my soul must sing.

**THE DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;***

HYMN # S-125

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

***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,***

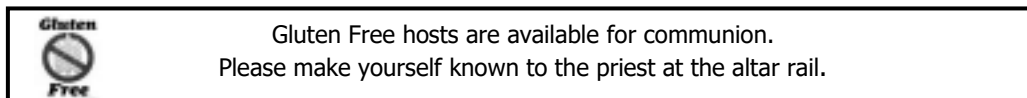
***for ever and ever. Amen.***

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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



**COMMUNION SONG - In Christ Alone**

1. *In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*
2. *In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save  
Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.*
3. *There in the ground his body lay.  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am his and he is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand.  
Til he returns or calls me home—  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

**CLOSING SONG - Testify to Love**

*All the colors of the rainbow, all the voices of the wind,  
Every dream that reaches out,  
that reaches out to find where love begins.*

*Every word of every story, every star in every sky  
Every corner of creation, lives to testify.*

*From the mountains to the valleys, from the rivers to the sea,  
Every hand that reaches out,  
every hand that reaches out to offer peace.*

*Every simple act of mercy, every step to kingdom come,  
All the hope in every heart, will speak what love has done.*

**Chorus:**

*For as long as I shall live,  
I will testify to love.  
I'll be a witness in the silences  
When words are not enough.  
With every breath I take, I will give  
thanks to God above.  
For as long as I shall live, I will  
testify to love.*

**THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
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our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and in thanksgiving for my grandkids, Audrey and Ashton**

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**Calvary Worship Service Times**

**8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service**  
**10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service**  
**5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service**

**IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY AND NEED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**CALVARY STEWARDSHIP CORNER:**

**2024 Pledged: \$555,625**  
**2024 Given: \$184,460**