

The 17th Sunday After Pentecost



**“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”
Psalm 147:3**

**Sunday, September 15, 2024
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two**

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SONG - We Sing

1. *One word from Your mouth
And the heavens were made
You breathed and the stars filled the sky
God strong and mighty
The Ancient of Days
On the wings of the wind You ride
We sing Oo and we dance*
2. *You cause the barren desert to bloom
Turn the sea into dry land
Your voice has raised the dead from the tomb
Evil flees when You command*
3. *All of creation exalts in Your name
And the trees of the field clap their hands
Earth shouts for joy even mountains sing
The redeemed of the Lord lift their hands*

Chorus:
*And we sing (leader); We sing (all echo)
we dance (leader); We dance (echo)
We clap (leader); We clap (echo)
and cry out (leader); and cry out (echo)
We kneel (leader); we kneel (echo)
we bow (leader) We bow (echo)
we shout (leader), We shout (echo)
We declare the Kingdom of our God*

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 AGES 5 THRU 5TH GRADE MAY FOLLOW THE CROSS TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL DURING THE GLORIA

GLORIA (arr. by Don Clark)

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, Lord, 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 all of us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father; come now, receive our prayer.

For you alone are most high, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.

For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. JAMES

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE SONG - Lord Be Glorified

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|---|---|
| <p>1. <i>In my life Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In my life Lord
Be glorified today</i></p> | <p>3. <i>In Your church Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In Your church Lord
Be glorified today</i></p> |
| <p>2. <i>In my song Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In my song Lord
Be glorified today</i></p> | <p>4. <i>In our home Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In our home Lord
Be glorified today</i></p> |

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

SERMON RESPONSE

THE NICENE CREED

*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.*

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.

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, especially _____; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially _____, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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

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. *[Proper Preface is added]*

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 of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (2 times)**

**Hosanna, in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (2 times)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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,

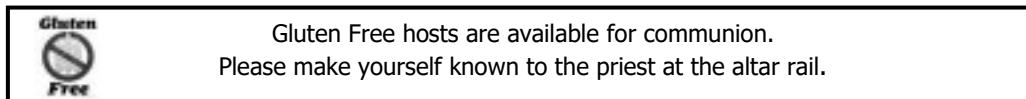
<i>Our Father in heaven</i>	<i>Lead us not into temptation</i>
<i>Holy is Your name</i>	<i>But deliver us from the evil one</i>
<i>Forgive us our sins Lord</i>	<i>Your kingdom come</i>
<i>As we forgive</i>	<i>Your will be done</i>
<i>Your kingdom come</i>	<i>Your kingdom come</i>
<i>Your will be done</i>	<i>Your will be done</i>
<i>Your kingdom come</i>	<i>On the earth as it is in heaven</i>
<i>Your will be done</i>	<i>Let it be done on the earth</i>
<i>Our Father in heaven</i>	<i>Amen amen amen</i>
<i>Give us our bread</i>	

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.



If you have a special prayer need, step into the side chapel after you receive communion, and a member of the Prayer Team will pray with you.

COMMUNION SONG 1 - Speak Truth

***Speak truth to the mountains
Speak truth to the seas
Speak truth to your loved ones
And to your enemies***

***The highest mountain will move
When truth is spoken in love
All will be set free
By the Spirit's holy dove***

***By the Spirit's holy dove
By the Spirit's holy dove***

COMMUNION SONG 2 - King of This Heart

1. *Time is too short to say it's okay
To think I can live this way
For just another day.
So I'll search through the night
For the One my heart loves;
Won't stop 'til I've found You.
For Lord I need to hold You close.*
2. *I've stood in the desert and thirsted for You;
I've run through the city, now I won't let go.
I'm throwing myself on Your mercy, O God.
You say it's all or nothing;
I'm saying Jesus have it all.*

Chorus:
*Be the King of this heart again;
Be the King of this life;
In my soul there's a cry today
Be the King of this heart,
Be the King of this heart always.*

*Be the light for my eyes,
Be the strength for my feet,
Be the love of my soul,
Be my everything.
Be my day and my night,
When I wake and I sleep;
Undivided my heart will be.
I'm saying Jesus have it all...*

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

CLOSING SONG - The Same Love

1. *You choose the humble and raise them high
You choose the weak and make them strong
You heal our brokenness inside
And give us life*
2. *You take the faithless one aside
And speak the words you are Mine
You call the cynic and the proud
Come to Me now*

Chorus:
*The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name
The same God that spread the heavens wide
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name*

Bridge:
*You're calling You're calling
You're calling us to the cross
You're calling You're calling
You're calling us to the cross
(Repeat)*

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *(these words may differ from time to time)*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service

10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service

5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service

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