# The Second Sunday ín Lent



Sunday, March 16, 2025

# **SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE**

# **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# THE WORD OF GOD

# OPENING SONG - Do Lord

**R**EFRAIN:

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me, Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me, Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me, Way beyond the blue. I've got a home in glory land That outshines the sun (Repeat x2) Way beyond the blue. (Refrain)

I took Jesus as my Savior, You take Him, too (Repeat x2) Way beyond the blue. (Refrain)

#### WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 351

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

# His mercy endures for ever.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

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 our 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.* 

# KYRIE ELEISON (Chris Tomlin)

| 1. Lord have mercy                         | CHORUS:  |
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| Christ have mercy                          | For Your name is great and Your heart is grace |
| Hear our cry and heal our land             | Kyrie Eleison                                  |
| Let kindness lead us to repentance         | Over all You reign You alone can save          |
| Bring us back again                        | Kyrie Eleison                                  |
| 2. Who is this God who pardons all our sin | Lord have mercy                                |
| So ready to forgive                        | Christ have mercy on us now                    |
| You delight to show Your mercy             |  |

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

# The Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

Together let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# THE LESSONS

# A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

#### Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# THE PSALM

| The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *<br>the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?          |
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| When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *<br>it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.                              |
| Though an army should encamp against me, *<br>yet my heart shall not be afraid;   |
| And though war should rise up against me, *<br>yet will I put my trust in him.  |
| One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *<br>that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;                     |
| To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *<br>and to seek him in his temple.   |
| For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *<br>he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. |
| Even now he lifts up my head *<br>above my enemies round about me.  |
| Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *<br>I will sing and make music to the Lord.                    |
| Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *<br>have mercy on me and answer me.  |
| You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *<br>Your face, Lord, will I seek.   |
| Hide not your face from me, *<br>nor turn away your servant in displeasure.   |
| You have been my helper; cast me not away; *<br>do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.   |
| Though my father and my mother forsake me, *<br>the Lord will sustain me.   |
| Show me your way, O Lord; *<br>lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.  |
| Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *<br>for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.               |
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What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord \* in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \* wait patiently for the Lord.

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# SEQUENCE HYMN - Glory to the Lord our God

Lift up your heads O ye gates Let the King of Glory come in Be lifted up O ancient doors Let the King of Glory come in

The altars we've built and The works we have done Can never compare to the Savior's Love The hearts of the humble are temples of praise As we worship the Ancient of Days As we worship the Ancient of Days Glory to the Lord our God Glory to the Lamb on the throne We open wide the gates of our hearts With our lips we'll rise up and praise As we worship the ancient of Days

Who can ascend to the hill of the Lord People of clean hearts and hands You who are righteous and seeking his face Come and worship the Ancient of Days Come and worship the Ancient of Days

# Philippians 3:17-4:1

#### THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

# SERMON RESPONSE - One Pure and Holy Passion

Give me one pure and holy passion. Give me one magnificent obsession. Give me one glorious ambition for my life To know and follow hard after you.

To know and follow hard after you. To grow as your disciple in the truth. This world is empty, pale, and poor Compared to knowing you, my Lord. Lead me on and I will run after you. Lead me on and I will run after you. 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 I, BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops: Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For this city and county, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially

\_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

# Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Silence)

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

# To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

# THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

# And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY - Blessed Be Your Name

- Blessed be your Name, In the land that is plentiful, Where your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be your Name.
- And blessed be your Name, When I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be your Name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, Blessed be your Name. Blessed be the Name of the Lord, Blessed be your glorious Name.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

 Blessed be your Name, When the sun's shining down on me, When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be your Name.

And blessed be your Name,
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be your Name.

You give and take away; You give and take away, My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

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. (*Priest adds 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power, of power and might (repeat) Heaven and earth are full, 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 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,

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

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.** 

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 (Remember to omit the A word)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.



Gluten Free hosts are available for communion. Please make yourself known to the priest at the altar rail.

#### **COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL**

# 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.

# POST COMMUNION PRAYER

#### Let us pray.

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.

#### 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 - You Are My All in All

 You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

CHORUS: Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is your name

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#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (Remember to omit the A word)

Thanks be to God.

# **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

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2. Taking my sin my cross my shame

Rising again I bless your name.

When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup.

You are my all in all.

You are my all in all.

# IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY AND NEED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE, PLEASE CONTACT: The Rev. Nancy Wilkes or The Rev. Ralph Morgan 713-818-6323 281-797-5246 nwilkes@ces-richmond.org rmorgan@ces-richmond.org

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