

WELCOME TO



**Calvary**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Reflecting Christ's Image Through Inclusive Relationships,  
Unconditional Love, and Joyful Service

**MAY 24, 2020**  
**ASCENSION SUNDAY YEAR A**

*IF ONE PART SUFFERS, EVERY PART SUFFERS WITH IT; IF ONE PART IS HONORED, EVERY PART REJOICES WITH IT. NOW YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND EACH ONE OF YOU IS A PART OF IT. 1 COR 12:26*

# MORNING PRAYER RITE II

Easter is the season of praise as we glorify the risen Christ. There are 50 days of the Easter season that ends on the Day of Pentecost.

*The service of Morning Prayer has roots in the regular daily prayer in monastic and early Christian communities. In many parts of the Anglican Communion, Morning Prayer (or “Matins”, from the Latin term for morning) has been the principal Sunday service for faithful communities, and this service has a rich history of use in The Episcopal Church.*

## Welcome

## Announcements

*The service of Morning Prayer immerses us in scripture, and the Opening Sentences provide a scriptural call to worship which varies with the season*

## Opening Acclamation

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Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**People: 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.**

The **Confession** which we say together as part of our preparatory acts of worship allows us to bring our failures and weakness individually and as a community, to God, to ask God's help in facing the evil in the world around us, and to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness and strength, which the priest reminds us of in the **Absolution**.

## **Confession**

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*The Officiant says to the People*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Officiant, and People together in a posture of reverence to God.*

**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

Officiant: 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.*

*In the **Opening Invitatory** we greet God and one another with praise of God who is known to us as the Lord of our life.*

## Opening Invitatory & Psalter

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Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Alleluia!**

*Response in unison*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

We now begin the immersion in scripture which is a primary feature of the church's daily prayer by saying an **Invitatory Psalm**, a short excerpt from the book of Psalms. However, in the season of Easter we substitute this for excerpts from Holy Scripture that proclaim Christ as our Redeemer.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Word made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

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**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 93

The Lord is King;  
he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.  
He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;  
Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.

The waters have lifted up, O Lord,  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.  
Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.  
Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
for ever and for evermore.

## Response to the Psalm

*unison*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*When using Morning Prayer, as a response to the reading it is customary to have a Canticle read or sung, after each reading. In lieu of this we will have a sermon in response to the readings.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### A Reading from the book of Acts

1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been

taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**A reading from a letter to the Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel**

**Luke 24:44-53**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily** *Mother Mo*

*We now turn our attention to responding to the Word we have been immersed in, with affirmation that these stories are part of our Christian story, and with prayer.*

*As part of our response to the Word of God in our lives, we proclaim **The Apostles Creed**, the earliest known formal statement of Christian faith, found in ancient liturgies of baptism. The term "creed" comes from the Latin Credo, "I believe".*



*Officiant and People together,*

**I believe in God, \***

**the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We continue by praying together, first in the traditional form of **the Lord's Prayer**, based on the way that Jesus taught his first disciples to pray (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4).

## The Prayers

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*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us 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 **suffrages** are a responsive form of prayer for the needs of the world and of the gathered community composed almost entirely of scriptural excerpts, especially from the Psalms.*

## Suffrages A

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*Leader*          Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People*          **And grant us your salvation.**

*Leader*          Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People*          **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Leader*          Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People*          **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Leader* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Leader* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Leader* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Leader* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The **Collect of the Day** helps to focus our attention on the theme of the day or season. The following **Collects** are prayers following a pattern of acknowledgement of God's work and petition for a gift such as protection, guidance or*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*unison*

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.***

## A Collect for Guidance

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**Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.***

## Intercessions & Thanksgivings

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*Pray silently or aloud what is on your heart today*

## Exchange of Peace

*Officiant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:*           **And also with you.**

Today, in the spirit of Christ's peace, please reach out to someone you would normally see in worship by telephone, internet, or text message.

We would normally receive a collection of money for the support of the church, at this point in a Sunday service, while the choir sings an anthem.

Please mail your regular pledge check to the office, use your bank's online payment system, or visit [calvarylombard.org](http://calvarylombard.org) to make your weekly gift or regular pledge offering while we are unable to gather in person.

## Concluding Prayers and Sending Forth

*We affirm our offering and finish our shared work of prayer in **The General Thanksgiving**, an expression of gratitude and commitment to God.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*We conclude as we began, with a sentence of scripture. In this case, Morning Prayer offers a choice of several short passages that contain a **benediction**, or bestowing of a blessing upon the people.*

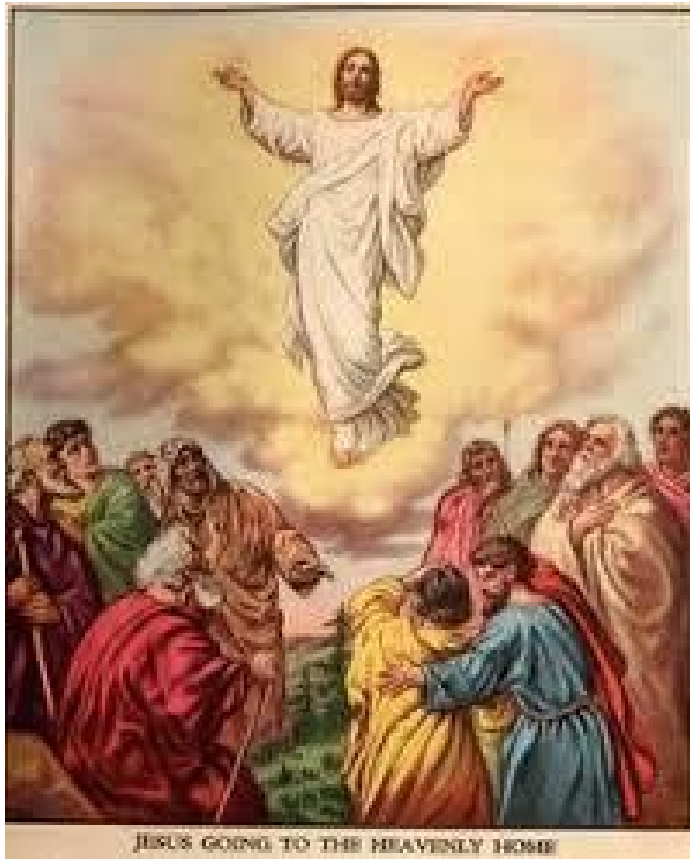
## **Benediction**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **+ Sending Forth into the World**

Officiant: May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with his love, and fill you with joy in the faith.

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia**





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## **CALVARY MEMBERS**

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