

# The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



Sunday, September 24, 2023  
8:00 A.M. Eucharist, Rite One

## **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 9 - Not here for high and holy things

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| <p>1. <i>Not here for high and holy things<br/>we render thanks to thee,<br/>but for the common things of earth,<br/>the purple pageantry<br/>of dawning and of dying days,<br/>the splendor of the sea,</i></p> <p>4. <i>Awake, awake to love and work!<br/>The lark is in the sky,<br/>the fields are wet with diamond dew,<br/>the worlds awake to cry<br/>their blessings on the Lord of life,<br/>as he goes meekly by.</i></p> | <p>5. <i>Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,<br/>shout with their shout of praise;<br/>see how the giant sun soars up,<br/>great lord of years and days!<br/>So let the love of Jesus come<br/>and set thy soul ablaze,</i></p> <p>6. <i>to give and give, and give again,<br/>what God hath given thee;<br/>to spend thyself nor count the cost;<br/>to serve right gloriously<br/>the God who gave all worlds that are,<br/>and all that are to be.</i></p> |
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### 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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### 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 OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

***And with thy spirit.***

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 541 - Come, labor on

1. Come, labor on.

*Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
'Go work today.'*

2. Come, labor on.

*The enemy is watching night and day,  
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;  
while we in sleep our duty have forgot,  
he slumbered not.*

3. Come, labor on.

*Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here:  
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill  
his righteous will.*

4. Come, labor on.

*Claim the high calling angels cannot share—  
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear:  
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.*

5. Come, labor on.

*No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
'Servants, well done.'*

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

*Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON** - Rev. Jeremy

**THE NICENE CREED** (*standing*)

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*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 VI, BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor our Bishops; Ralph and Jeremy our Priests;  
and Nancy our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially \_\_\_\_\_;

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, and as we seek to repair and renew our church home, give our Vestry, Building Team, and all members of our Calvary family wisdom, discernment and willing and generous hearts, so that we may renew not only this building, but also our commitment to your mission of restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ Jesus;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence - The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

A prayer for rain: **O God, thank you for the rain you have provided. Please send more abundant rain to restore our parched earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 685 - Rock of ages, cleft for me

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| <p>1. <b>Rock of ages, cleft for me,<br/>let me hide myself in thee;<br/>let the water and the blood<br/>from thy wounded side that flowed,<br/>be of sin the double cure,<br/>cleanse me from its guilt and power.</b></p> <p>2. <b>Should my tears for ever flow,<br/>should my zeal no languor know,<br/>all for sin could not atone:<br/>thou must save, and thou alone;<br/>in my hand no price I bring,<br/>simply to thy cross I cling.</b></p> | <p>3. <b>While I draw this fleeting breath,<br/>when mine eyelids close in death,<br/>when I rise to worlds unknown<br/>and behold thee on thy throne,<br/>Rock of ages, cleft for me,<br/>let me hide myself in thee.</b></p> |
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## 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

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The Lord be with you.

***And with thy spirit.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. *(the priest adds a Proper Preface)*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

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

Hymn # S-130

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;

rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

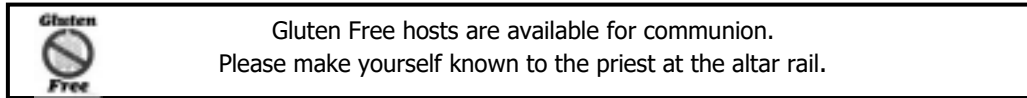
***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
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.***

***We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.***

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 ANTHEM** - ***I want Jesus to Walk With Me*** (Moses Hogan)

*I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along in my pilgrim's journey.  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, wont you walk with me?  
And when my heart is almost breaking.  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.  
When I'm troubled, Lord, wont you walk with me?  
Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 328** - ***Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord***

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

***Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.***

**THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 690 - Guide me, O thou great Jehovah**

1. *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.*
2. *Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.*
3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.*

**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.***

**Join us in the Parish Hall after the service for Sunday School, coffee, donuts & fruit.**

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Carol Ann Christian in thanksgiving for son, Kyle's birthday  
&  
Duncan and Nancy Reid in thanksgiving for 65 years of marriage  
&  
Dorothy Lyons in memory of Jerry Arnett, Louise Hartin, and Julia Lyons  
&  
Priscilla Oyekan in memory of Soni Oyekan and Edward M. Parker**

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