

# *Second Sunday of Easter*



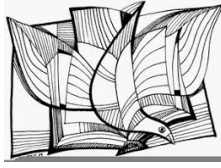
**Sunday, April 27, 2025  
8:00 A.M. Eucharist, Rite One**

## **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 307 - Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor (omit \* verses)

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,  
first-begotten from the dead.  
Thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Jesus, true and living bread!*  
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4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Cleansing us from every stain.*  
*Cleansing us from every stain.*
5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
smitten Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Risen, ascended, glorified!*  
*Risen, ascended, glorified!*

### WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.

*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 with thy spirit.***

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same 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 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

**Acts 5:27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
Lord, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 209 - We walk by faith, and not by sight

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| 1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;<br>no gracious words we hear from him<br>who spoke as none e'er spoke;<br>but we believe him near. | 3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;<br>and may our faith abound,<br>to call on you when you are near,<br>and seek where you are found:  |
| 2. We may not touch his hands and side,<br>nor follow where he trod;<br>but in his promise we rejoice;<br>and cry, "My Lord and God!"     | 4. that, when our life of faith is done,<br>in realms of clearer light<br>we may behold you as you are,<br>with full and endless sight. |

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to

Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**SERMON - Fr. Ralph**

**THE NICENE CREED (standing)**

BCP 326

*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.*

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 people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian 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*

*In the Episcopal Church we 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 with thy spirit.**



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - Up From the Grave He Arose

### 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

BCP 340

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,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hymnal S-125

*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.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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.



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**COMMUNION ANTHEM** - **O Sacred Head Sore Wounded** (David Hurd)

**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 400** - **All creatures of our God and King** (omit \* verses)

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| <p>1. <i>All creatures of our God and King,<br/>lift up your voices, let us sing:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Bright burning sun with golden beams,<br/>Pale silver moon that gently gleams,<br/>O praise him, O praise him,<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> <p>3. <i>Swift flowing water, pure and clear,<br/>make music for your Lord to hear,<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,<br/>you give to us both warmth and light,<br/>O praise him, O praise him,<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> | <p>5. <i>All you with mercy in your heart,<br/>forgiving others, take your part,<br/>O sing now: Alleluia!<br/>All you that pain and sorrow bear,<br/>praise God, and cast on him your care:<br/>O praise him, O praise him,<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> <p>7. <i>Let all things their creator bless,<br/>and worship him in humbleness,<br/>O praise him, Alleluia!<br/>Praise God the Father, praise the Son,<br/>and praise the Spirit, Three in One:<br/>O praise him, O praise him,<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> |
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## THE DISMISSAL

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

*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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