

# *Second Sunday of Easter*



April 27, 2025

## **SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE**

### **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

806 THOMPSON ROAD

RICHMOND, TX 77469

281.342.2147

[WWW.CALVARYRICHMOND.ORG](http://WWW.CALVARYRICHMOND.ORG)

**THE REV. RALPH B. MORGAN, RECTOR**

**THE REV. NANCY WILKES, DEACON**

*Calvary welcomes and embraces all who join us in doing the work of Christ in our community.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING SONG - Everlasting God

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
Wait upon the Lord,  
we will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
Wait upon the Lord,  
we will wait upon the Lord.*

*Our God, you reign forever.  
Our Hope, our strong deliverer.*

*You are the everlasting God.  
The everlasting God.  
You do not faint, you won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.*

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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.**

## 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

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Together let us pray.

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 PSALM

Psalms 118:14-29

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.

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

Revelation 1:4-8

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 - He Leadeth Me**

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me*

*Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine  
Nor ever murmur, nor repine  
Content, whatever lot I see  
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me*

**CHORUS:**

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me  
By His own hand, He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand, He leadeth me*

*And when my task on earth is done  
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won  
E'en death's cold wave, I will not flee  
Since God, through Jordan, leadeth me*

*Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom  
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom  
By waters still, o'er troubled sea  
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me*

**THE GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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 to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON - Fr. Ralph**

**SERMON RESPONSE - Oceans**

1. *You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand*

**CHORUS:**

*And I will call upon your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in your embrace  
For I am yours and you are mine*

2. *Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now*

**BRIDGE:**

*Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the water  
Wherever you would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior*

**THE NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

**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 also with you.***

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY - No Not One

1. *There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus*  
*No not one, no not one*  
*No one else could heal all our souls' diseases*  
*No not one, no not one*

**CHORUS:**

*Jesus knows all about our troubles*  
*He will guide till the day is done*  
*There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus*  
*No not one, no not one.*

2. *No friend like Him is so high and holy*  
*No not one, no not one*  
*And yet no friend is so meek and lowly*  
*No not one, no not one*

3. *There's not an hour that He is not near us*  
*No not one, no not one*  
*No night so dark that His love can't cheer us*  
*No not one, no not one*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

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***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory (repeat)***

***Hosanna in the highest,***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (repeat)***

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,

***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.***

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.

*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

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 - I'll Fly Away

*Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away  
To a land on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away  
When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison walls has flown, I'll fly away*

CHORUS:

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away*

*Oh how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away  
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away  
To a land where joy will never end, I'll fly away (Chorus)*

### THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



### **Please Sign Up To Donate Altar Flowers in 2025**

**Enhance Our Worship + Thank God + Remember A Loved One**

Flower offerings for 2025 may be done **online** at [calvaryrichmond.org](http://calvaryrichmond.org) under **giving/altar flowers**.

The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance. Please call the church office with questions.

### **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**

### **Calvary Staff**

*The Rev. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector*

*The Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon*

*John Brun, Parish Administrator*

*Anne Scarborough, Newcomer Coordinator*

*William Soller, Communications/Children's Minister*

*Suzette Hillis, Administrative Assistant*

*Kathy Haley, Finance Administrator*

*Sterling Overshown, Organist/Choir Director*

*George Doherty, Interim POGS Coordinator*

*Ross Elkins, SNL Worship Leader*

*Jose Portillo, Campus Operations*

### **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](mailto:nwilkes@ces-richmond.org)**

**[rmorgan@ces-richmond.org](mailto:rmorgan@ces-richmond.org)**

### **CALVARY STEWARDSHIP CORNER FOR 2025:**

**Pledged: \$561,310**

**Given: \$197,136**

