

# Calvary Episcopal Church

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



## Thanksgiving Day Service November 27, 2025

### OPENING HYMN 433 - We Gather Together

1. *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.*
2. *Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!*
3. *We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:  
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!  
Sing praise, sing praise.*

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.**

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Together, let us pray.

***Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

## SEQUENCE SONG - Forever

***Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.***

***With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm;  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.***

***From the rising to the setting sun;  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.***

### **REFRAIN:**

***Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever. Forever.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY** - Joshua Grotte

**LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

***We thank you, Lord.***

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** (*The Peace is exchanged.*)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY - Great is thy faithfulness

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions,  
they fail not,  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

CHORUS:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2. *Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope  
for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. [*Proper Preface is added*]

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 and might;***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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.

### **COMMUNION SONG 1 - Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart**

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| <b><i>Give thanks with a grateful heart</i></b> | <b><i>And now let the weak say I am strong</i></b> |
| <b><i>Give thanks to the Holy One</i></b>       | <b><i>Let the poor say I am rich</i></b>           |
| <b><i>Give thanks because</i></b>               | <b><i>Because of what</i></b>                      |
| <b><i>He's given Jesus Christ His Son</i></b>   | <b><i>The Lord has done for us</i></b>             |
|                                                 | <b><i>And now let the weak say I am strong</i></b> |
|                                                 | <b><i>Let the poor say I am rich</i></b>           |
|                                                 | <b><i>Because of what</i></b>                      |
|                                                 | <b><i>The Lord has done for us</i></b>             |

### **COMMUNION SONG 2 - I am the Bread of Life**

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| <b><i>1. I am the bread of life,<br/>they who come to me shall not hunger<br/>They who believe in me shall not thirst<br/>No one can come to me unless the Father draw him</i></b> | <b><i>4. I am the resurrection,<br/>I am the life<br/>He who believes in me<br/>Even if he die, he shall live forever.</i></b> |
| <b><i>2. The bread that I will give<br/>is my flesh for the life of the world<br/>And they who eat of this bread<br/>They shall live forever, they shall live forever.</i></b>     | <b><i>5. Lord we believe that you are the Christ<br/>The Son of God<br/>Who has come into the world</i></b>                    |
| <b><i>3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man<br/>And drink of his blood<br/>And drink of his blood,<br/>you shall not have life within you.</i></b>                      | <b><i>CHORUS:<br/>And I will raise them up,<br/>and I will raise them up<br/>And I will raise them up on the last day.</i></b> |

## 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 HYMN 178 - All Things Bright and Beautiful

REFRAIN:

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

*3. The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one.*

*1. Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors,  
he made their tiny wings.*

*4. The tall trees in the greenwood  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water  
To gather every day.*

*2. The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.*

*5. He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.*

## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

**8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service**

**10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service**



# Calvary Episcopal Church

## Advent and Christmas

Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 AM

Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 AM

Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 AM

Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 12:00 PM

Advent 1 - Advent Wreath Making

Advent 2 - Ornament Making

Advent 3 - Cookie Decorating

Christmas Eve Pageant Fitting

Lessons and Carols

Advent 4 - Greening of the Church

## Christmas Worship Times

Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 PM

Thursday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Family Service with Pageant

Christmas Eve Traditional Service

Christmas Day Service