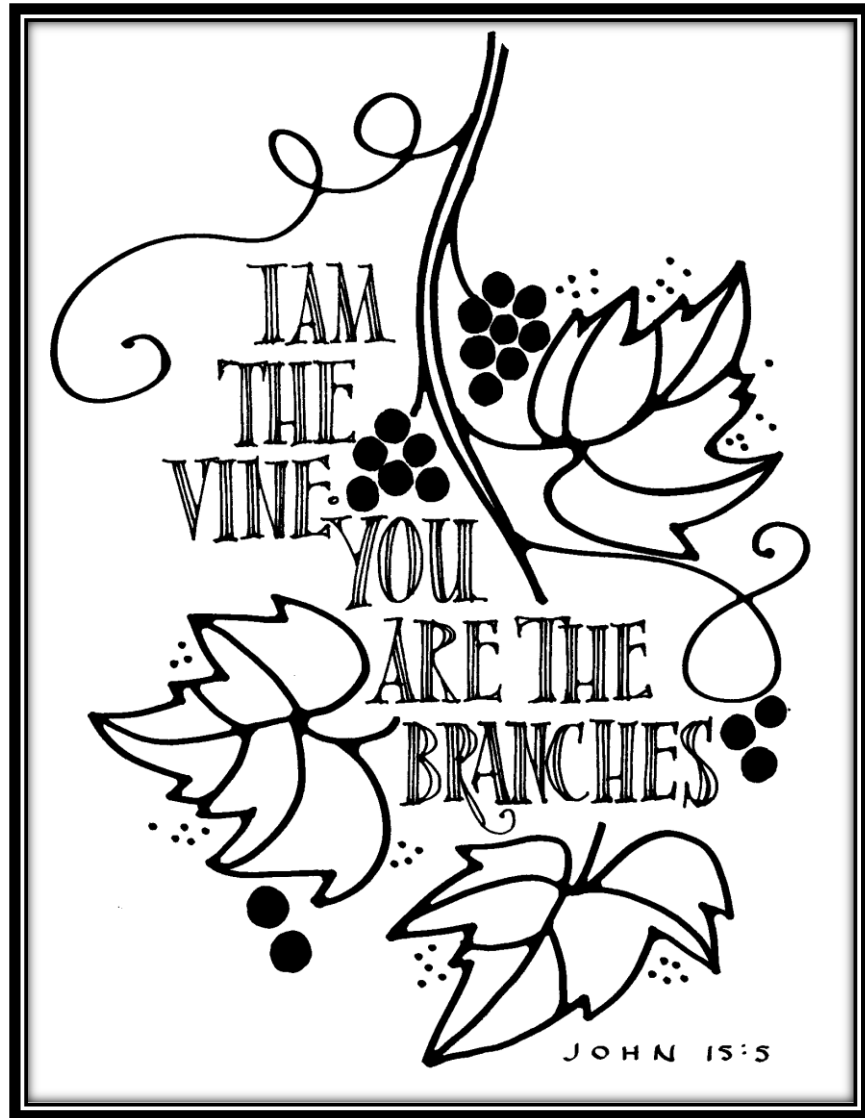


# *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

April 28, 2024



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*Burnt Hills, New York*

Fr. Gabriel would welcome the opportunity to meet with you  
if you have any additional questions or would like more information about Calvary.  
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CHRIST YESTERDAY AND TODAY,  
THE BEGINNING AND THE END,  
ALPHA AND OMEGA,  
ALL TIME BELONGS TO HIM,  
AND ALL AGES;  
TO HIM BE GLORY AND POWER,  
THROUGH EVERY AGE AND FOR EVER.

*Amen*



WE ARE OVERJOYED THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN  
TO JOIN US FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL!

*A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!*

We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you on your journey. **If you are searching for a church home**, we pray God will draw you to a church in which you will be blessed, and should that be here at Calvary we would rejoice!

**CHILDREN**

➤ We love having children worship with us! 😊 We are fully aware of busy hands, feet, and voices. Don't worry! We are overjoyed they are in worship! Should you want it, there are several great options for active hands and minds found in the entryway of the church.

**RESTROOMS**

➤ **Restrooms** are located at the front of the sanctuary to the right through the door by the piano, as well as in the Parish Hall outside the entrance doors of the church and to your left. (Look for the red doors to enter the Parish Hall.)

Please stand at the ringing of the CHURCH BELL  
for a moment of silent prayer in preparation for worship.

A PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 for the Season of Easter

♪ Hymn in Procession (9:30 am)

On this day, the first of days

47 ♦ Blue Hymnal

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD 355 ♦ Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

*But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word. - Acts 6:4*

♪ THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ♪

Blue Hymnal ♦ S 280

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

*Lessons from the Acts of the Apostles replace our typical Old Testament lessons during the season of Easter because Acts records the events of the earliest days of the Church following Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension.*

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go towards the south - to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)<sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"<sup>31</sup> He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"<sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"<sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.<sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.<sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE FROM THE PSALTER

*The Leader and People pray responsively by whole verse.*

**Psalm 22:24-30** *Deus, Deus meus*

612 ♦ BCP

<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those  
who worship him.

<sup>25</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \***  
"May your heart live for ever!"

<sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup> **For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup> **My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

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

## A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of St. John.

4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love\* because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God", and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Sequence Hymn** (9:30 am)

*Like the murmur of the dove's song*

**513** ♦ Blue Hymnal

## A LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes\* to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed- by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON  
*The Rev. Gabriel Morrow*

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358 ♦ BCP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
*Form VI*  
392 ♦ BCP

THE CONFESSION OF SIN  
THE ABSOLUTION  
THE PEACE  
393 ♦ BCP

♪ Offertory Hymn (9:30 am)      *God is Love, let heaven adore him*      379 ♦ Blue Hymnal

♪ A Stanza of Doxology (9:30 am)      *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*      380 ♦ Blue Hymnal

HOLY COMMUNION ♦ *Rite 2 - Eucharistic Prayer A*  
*page* 361 ♦ [red] Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

*This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. - Luke 22:19*

♪ THE SANCTUS ♪  
Blue Hymnal ♦ S 125

♪ THE LORD'S PRAYER ♪  
Blue Hymnal ♦ S 119

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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians, no matter your Christian affiliation,  
are welcome to receive communion (Holy Eucharist) at Calvary.*

Both the host (bread) and wine (in a chalice) will be offered. You may choose to partake in one or both kinds.

The doctrine of 'concomitance' teaches that the full presence of Christ is present in every particle of both the bread and wine.

Otherwise, it would mean that if one receives more bread or wine (or more of both, as the priest usually does) one would receive more of the Lord, which is clearly not the case. Regardless of whether we receive a large or small amount, in one kind or in both, one always receives the fullness of the Sacrament.

***"What if I'm not baptized or don't feel comfortable receiving communion?"***

Those not partaking in communion for any reason are most welcome to come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing from the priest. You can indicate to the priest that you are not receiving communion but desire a blessing by crossing your arms in the shape of an "X" across your chest.

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING  
365 ♦ BCP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ Hymn in Procession (9:30 am)

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

344 ♦ Blue Hymnal

THE DISMISSAL  
366 ♦ BCP

*AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE, A PRAYER TEAM IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail in front of the baptismal font to intercede for healing or anything that is weighing heavy on your life, as well as to rejoice with you and give thanks to God for what he has done for you!*



REMEMBER & CELEBRATE



Wedding Anniversary

No anniversaries this week

Happy Birthday

John DuBois	4/28
Jude Morrow	4/29
Clara Burr	4/30
Dave Tomlinson	5/2
Betty Rose	5/3
Charlotte Druschel	5/4



*spring cleanup*

Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 am

Grab your rakes, gloves & anything else you might need for Spring Clean Up.

Please come help!

Many hands make light work.

# ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 9  
5:30 p.m.

Ascension Day is one of the seven Principal Feasts of the Church calendar (on the same list as Christmas and Easter). Jesus' ascension into heaven was 40 days after his resurrection and 10 days before Pentecost.

*Come out and join us!*



## ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given by  
the Quackenbush Family  
*In loving memory of*  
**Patrice Quackenbush**

### *Do You Know?*

Do you know that you are able to help beautify our worship space each Sunday through the donation of funds to help pay for altar flowers?

This is a perfect opportunity to commemorate and/or honor a loved one or circumstance that you would like to remember on a certain date through this generous gift.

It is \$50 each week for the two vases of flowers, or \$25 for one vase.

A sign-up sheet with available dates is to the right of the doors as you exit the sanctuary or you may call the church office.



### Monday Morning Bible Study

*Mondays at 10:30 am*

Each week we read and discuss the Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Details about how to log in via your computer / phone / or tablet are emailed out Sunday afternoons. Included in the email also are the Scripture references that will be studied as well as a very handy resource to prime the pump of your thinking.



### **THE DIOCESAN WEEKLY HEALING SERVICE**

**The Healing Center Chapel**

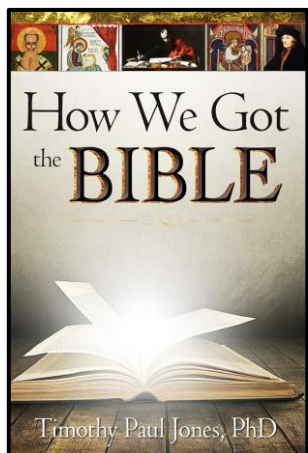
*Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 am*

The Rev. Jennifer Williamson

[www.ctkcenter.org/healing-ministry](http://www.ctkcenter.org/healing-ministry)



# EASTER SEASON WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



## "How We Got the Bible?"

We are two sessions in, and we are off to a great start!

**WE HAD 30 PEOPLE LAST WEEK!**

**You can still come and join us!**

Led by Fr. Gabriel

Wednesday Nights

Dinner Begins at 6:00 pm

Study starts at 6:30 pm after dinner

**This week we are continuing the topics of Session 2 where you will learn things like:**

- ♦ A pastor's kid who chopped the Old Testament out of his Bible, and why we really need the Old Testament.
- ♦ The languages that the Old Testament was both written and translated in.
- ♦ The Dead Sea Scrolls
- ♦ Why some Old Testaments have certain books that others don't.

*Have you ever wondered who wrote the books in the Bible and how they ended up together? Has anyone ever told you that some books were cut out of the Bible or that the stories of Jesus in the Gospels can't be trusted? In this class we are going to dive into the fascinating account of the most amazing and best-preserved book the world has ever seen. Dr. Timothy Paul Jones, in the video portions of our class, will give easy-to-understand answers to popular questions on the Bible's reliability and accuracy.*

**The Six Sessions for the whole course are:**

- 1) What's So Special about the Bible?
- 2) How We Got the Old Testament
- 3) How We Got the New Testament
- 4) How the Books of the New Testament Were Chosen
- 5) How the New Testament Was Copied
- 6) How We Got the Bible in English

Each class will be a mixture of a video presentation, elaboration from Fr. Gabriel, and group discussion.

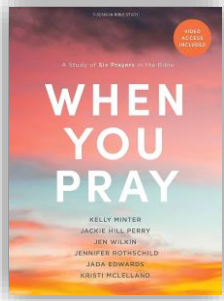
**An email was sent out to the congregation with links to purchase the books and resources for the class.**

Though not required, we would recommend purchasing both the Participant Guide and the Handbook.

*If you do not like doing business online, we are happy to place a group order for any of these resources for those of you who would prefer not having to worry about the Internet. Please let Fr. Gabriel know as soon as possible what resources you would like, and you can then reimburse the church for your purchase.*

*As always, scholarships are available for any of these resources.*

*If finances are a little tight right now and you would like to have any or all of these resources for the class just let Fr. Gabriel know and we will make sure you get what you need free of charge. Please don't hesitate to ask!*



# Women's Bible Study

## "When You Pray"

Continues May 5 after the 9:30 am service

*This is the first Sunday of each month.*

**Hey Calvary Ladies!** Do you have trouble thinking of words to say to God when you pray? Are you afraid some emotions are too intense to express to God? Do you reach the end of a day only to realize you haven't prayed at all? You're not alone. Prayer is the way we relate to God, but sometimes it's a struggle.

In this 7-session study, join six beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. You'll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. Above all, you'll notice there's no one right way to pray. As you draw near to God through prayer, you'll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ.



You can simply come and watch the video or, if you'd like to dig deeper, purchase the workbook. Scan the QR code to learn details on the study and to purchase a book. If you would like a scholarship for the book, seek out Fr. Gabriel or Dcn. Marian and they will get a book for you. **Bring a bag lunch.**



## 2024 Diocesan Women's Retreat:

### *A Life of Trust*

May 3 - 4

With keynote speaker Christine Gordon  
**A Life of Trust: Learning to trust Jesus with our lives and our churches**

As followers of Jesus, we are called to a life of trust. But what does that trust look like in the day to day? Settle down into the middle of the book of John to hear instructions from Jesus Himself on how to entrust yourself to His care and rule. Hear Him describe the nourishment of the vine and your connection to it (John 15). Listen to Jesus advertise the goodness of the Spirit He will send once He leaves (John 16). Eavesdrop on His prayer to the Father for the church and be encouraged by its sure answer (John 17). Jesus's words will challenge, encourage, and equip you to trust Him more.

#### **Expect your favorite things and more:**

**NEW THIS YEAR:** A breakout with a HIGH ROPES experience ♦ Vibrant Worship ♦ Inspiring talks  
Healing Prayer Appointments with an experienced prayer team ♦ Marketplace: new vendors are signing up!  
Friday night social ♦ Two breakout session times ♦ Time to just be

*Check out the website below for*

**BREAKOUTS | AGENDA | RATES AND REGISTRATION | PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS**

**[www.ctkcenter.org/events/9-events/311-2024-women-s-retreat-a-life-of-trust](http://www.ctkcenter.org/events/9-events/311-2024-women-s-retreat-a-life-of-trust)**

***Scholarships to attend are available.*** All you need to do is talk to Dcn. Marian or Fr. Gabriel.

The **ISAIAH 58 PROJECT**  
FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

SHENENDEHOWA HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY at the Jonesville United Methodist Church, serving residents of the Shenendehowa and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School Districts.

[www.sites.google.com/view/shenhelpinghandsfoodpantry/home](http://www.sites.google.com/view/shenhelpinghandsfoodpantry/home)

Drop off locations are in the church narthex and office foyer.  
You can contact them to inquire about other ways to serve this ministry.  
(518) 877-7380 or [shenhelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:shenhelpinghands@gmail.com)

**ONGOING NEEDS**

Food  
Toiletries  
Cleaning Products

**OPERATING HOURS**

Fridays  
9:00 - 12:00

**CURRENT SPECIAL NEEDS**

*Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Cereal,  
Coffee & Tea, Cookies, Juice Boxes,  
Personal Hygiene Products (Bar Soap,  
Body Wash, Deodorant, Shaving  
Products, Feminine Hygiene Products)*

JESUS IS LORD *at Calvary!*

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BRING LIFE ETERNAL to SUFFERING SOULS



A NORMAL WEEK @ CALVARY

Most services are streamed LIVE on our Facebook page.

**Mondays**

- 8:30 a.m. - *Morning Prayer*
- 10:30 a.m. - *Zoom Bible Study*
- 5:00 p.m. - *Evening Prayer*

**Tuesdays**

- 8:30 a.m. - *Morning Prayer*
- 5:00 p.m. - *Evening Prayer*
- 7:00 p.m. - *Vestry (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays)*

**Wednesdays**

- 8:30 a.m. - *Morning Prayer*
- 12:00 p.m. - **Holy Eucharist**
- 5:00 p.m. - *Evening Prayer*

**Thursdays**

- 8:30 a.m. - *Morning Prayer*
- 5:00 p.m. - *Evening Prayer (chanted)*

**Sundays**

- 9:30 a.m. - **Holy Eucharist**
- 5:00 p.m. - **Holy Eucharist**



**CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**CLERGY**

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The Rev. Deacon Marian Sive

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*Parish Nurses*  
Greg DuBois - *Music Director*

**VESTRY**

Paul Rasmussen - *Sr. Warden (2025)*  
Amy Soulé - *Jr. Warden (2026)*  
John DuBois (2025)  
Alfred Sive (2025)  
Suzanne Davis - *Clerk (2026)*  
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Mario Labrecque (2027)  
Jude Sweet (2027)



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