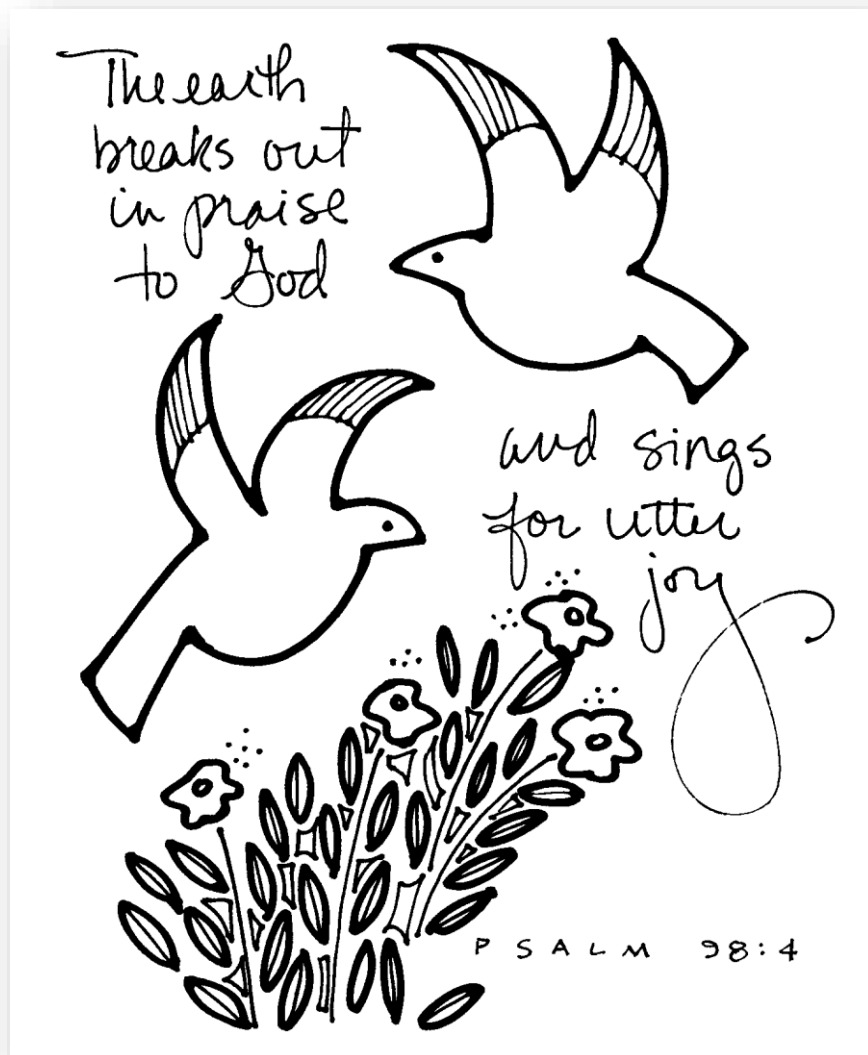


# *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 5, 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) As those of old their first fruits brought 705 ♦ 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

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.

10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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 98**

*Cantate Domino*

727 ♦ BCP

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup> **With his right hand and his holy arm \***  
**has he won for himself the victory.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the  
sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the**  
**house of Israel, \***  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the**  
**victory of our God.**

<sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>6</sup> **Sing to the Lord with the harp, \***  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**

<sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \***  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **In righteousness shall he judge the world \***  
**and the peoples with equity.**

*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.

5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Sequence Hymn** (9:30 am)

*God is love, and where true love is*

**577** ♦ Blue Hymnal

A LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

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

15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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) All the way my Savior leads me 680 ♦ GREEN 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)      *All creatures of our God and King*      400 ♦ 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**

Joyce Barrett	5/5
Scott Soulé	5/11



## ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given by  
The Sangster Family  
*In loving memory of*  
**Ross Sangster & Charles McCormack**

### *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.



## ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

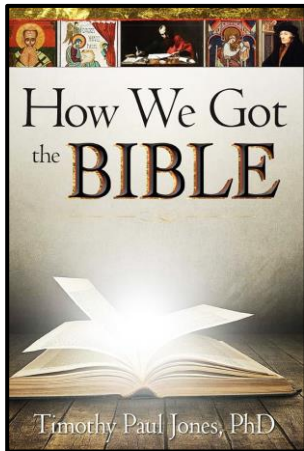
*Thursday, May 9*  
5:30 p.m.

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!*



# 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 AGAIN 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 on Session 3 - "How We Got The New Testament" where we will learn things like:**

- ♦ When was the New Testament written?
- ♦ The oral histories of Jesus and preserving the eyewitness accounts of Jesus.
- ♦ Why did Christians write the New Testament texts?
- ♦ Some general thoughts about each of the four gospels.

*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.

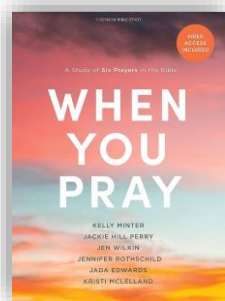
**An email was sent out to the congregation with links to purchase the books and resources for the class.**

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 TODAY 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.**



### 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, May 7 at 10:00 am*

Fr. Michael Todd - St. Luke's, Mechanicville

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

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!*

**B · L · E · S · S**

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**



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The Rev. Deacon Marian Sive

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John DuBois (2025)  
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Suzanne Davis - *Clerk (2026)*  
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Mario Labrecque (2027)  
Jude Sweet (2027)



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