

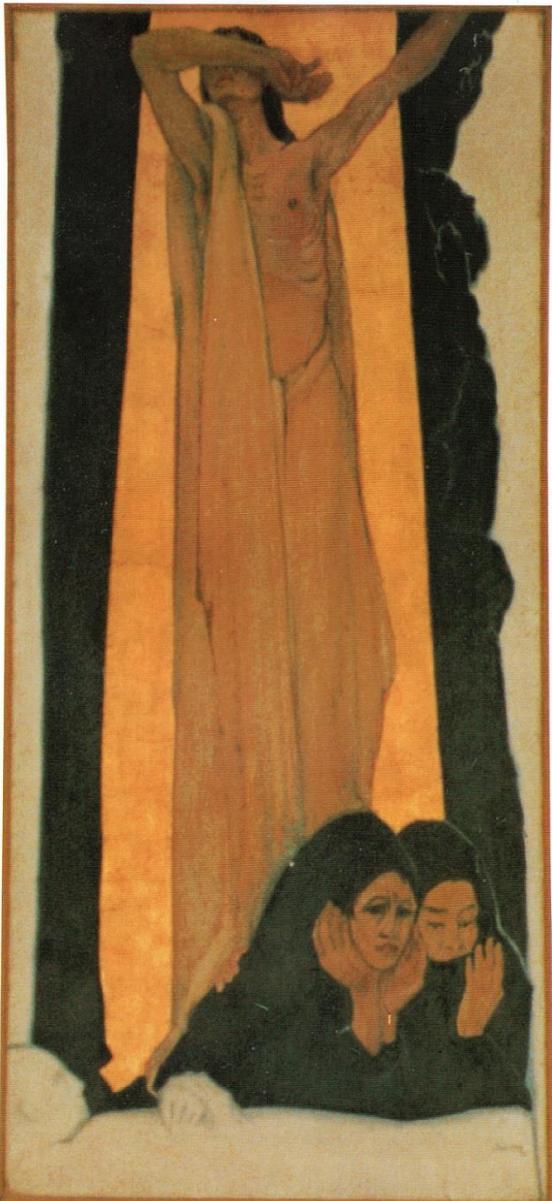
Calvary Episcopal Church
Indian Rocks Beach, FL

*“To know Christ
and To make Him known”*

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023

10:00 am
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Raising of Lazarus, Frank Wesley 1923-2002

The Sunday Customary

An Order of Christian Worship

SUNDAY
VISITOR SIGN IN



We Welcome Our Visitors

Supplemental Resources you may use today:
Book of Common Prayer (BCP - Red Book)
& **Hymnal** (Blue Book)

Prelude

Prelude

Gabriel Johnston

Processional Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymn #635

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.*

Kyrie *Lord have mercy upon us*

Hymnal S-91

1. Lord have mercy upon us.	2. Christ, have mercy upon us.	3. Lord have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.	Christ, have mercy upon us.	Lord have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.	Christ, have mercy upon us.	Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

The Old Testament (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Reader: A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm 130

De profundis

Said responsively by the people

Leader: Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

People: If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

Leader: For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

People: I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

Leader: My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

People: O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

Leader: With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The New Testament (Romans 8:6-11)

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Hail thou once despised Jesus!

Hymn #495 (vss.1-2)

The Gospel (John 11:1-45)

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely

to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn *Hail thou once despised Jesus!* **Hymn #495 (vss.3-4)**

The Sermon Fr. Jon Roberts

After the sermon, the people remain seated and observe a brief time of silence.

Nicene Creed - All stand, if able

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

Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP p. 388

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the men and women in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week (*as printed within this Customary*). We pray for those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage (*as printed*).

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*as printed within this Customary*), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Most merciful God . . .

All: (*Stand, sit, or kneel, if able*): . . . we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you*

Please exchange the peace with those around you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Oblations are brought forward in silence. They represent the offering of bread and wine. Please stand. When presented at the Altar, please sit.

Offertory Music

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

The Sunday donations/offertings are collected during this time by the Ushers. A plate will be circulated for all forms of giving. Please note that there is a plastic card in the pews that may be used for digital online giving for convenience.

Doxology

Old 100th – Isaac Watts

Hymnal #380 (vs.3)

Sung by the people as offerings are brought forward

People: 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

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP p. 369

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (sung)

Hymnal S-130

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, of your glory.
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.

The people may stand, sit or kneel

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

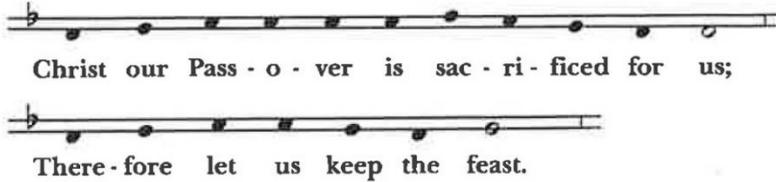
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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 Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-153



Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: 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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then administer to the people. All Baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood.

If you are not baptized, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing from the Priest. Simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign to receive. Children who have not received baptism or First Communion class should practice this.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

Communion Hymn

O Food to pilgrims give

Hymnal #308

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. Eternal God . . .

All: . . . 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

The Blessing

Celebrant: 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.

Processional Hymn

Kind Maker of the world

Hymnal #152

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Chaconne in g minor

Louis Couperin

Our practice is to remain seated and to listen to God through the hearing of the postlude. Allow God's Word & Sacrament to transform your being. This is an active way to worship. PLEASE RESIST in applause as it does not conform to proper worship. Emphasis is on participation and NOT performance. A simple and reverent "Amen" will do. Let's make this our practice.

You are invited to our Fellowship Hour Join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee and "Goodies"

Those Serving Today **Liturgical & Hospitality**

The Altar Party

Priest: The Rev. Jon Roberts

Subdeacon: Bob Angelo

LEM: Bob Thacker

Crucifer: Blake Powers

Torches: Molly/Riley

The Readers

OT/Ps Bernd Koester

Epistle: Bob Angelo

PoP: Michael Powers

The Music

Organist/Choir Director:

Mr. Gabriel Johnston

with the Choir

Ushers/Greeter TEAM

This Week: Connie Curran

Next Week: TBA

Fellowship Hour

This Week: Susan & Bernd Koester

Next week: TBA

PASTORAL CARE

Please make use of this intercession list during our weekly corporate and daily personal prayer life. Prayer request cards are in the pews as well as online. Fill one out and return or go online and submit. On our website go to, "Pastoral Care". You may also submit requests through the office at admin@calvaryrb.org. Please update requests every month, as needed. "In Peace ... let us pray to the Lord..."

For Healing, Comfort & Strength:

(Members) Martha Kelley, Rich Deary, Gail Hayes, Connie Curran, Marilyn Clark, Betty Cole, Peter Goldschmidt, Cynthia Laitinen, Dodie Spahr, Betty Pink, Pat Whalen & Steve Hein,

Debbie Whisenand, Betty Sileo, Peter Thomas, Toni Chapman, Kirby Nowlan, Sandy Arthur, Brenda Knickerbocker, Denise & Chaz Hughes-Conlon, Paul Martin.

(Friends of the Parish) Kathy Deary, Danny Dean, Jessica Wheelahan, Diane Spahr, Brian Stephens, Tim May, Cathy Richardson, Paisley Blaskovich, Buddy Key III, Kevin Grew, Andrea Banichar, Barry Pink, John Robb, Kevin K., Lynette Wilson, Dean Spahr, Judith & Richard Pinkowski, Mary Ann Harrel.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Chandra Wilson (16), Michael Porter (31), Jerry Yeast (1), Judy & Dereck Marshall (26), Janet & Harvey Hoffmann (1).

The numbers in the parentheses above indicate the date of the birthday or anniversary. Did we miss your date? Please email admin@calvaryirb.org so we may include next week.

For those serving in the Military (Active): Jeremiah Gill, Blake & Jennifer Tatum, Thomas Blaskovich, Matthew Williams.

For our members in-training for Holy Orders: Mike Alford, Sandy Rogers and Chad Olson. Calvary has been blessed to see three of our parishioners on a journey to ordained ministry.

For Our College Students (Away): Watson Roberts (SEU), Kenneth Fisher (UF), Kevin Oeste (FSU).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers Memorials, please help us to decorate our church on Easter Sunday with beautiful flowers. Flowers are a wonderful way to remember loved ones or to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Forms are available in each Narthex and at the Front Desk. Requests received by April 5th will be included in the Easter Customary. Requests after that date will be included the following week.

Chad Olson, who is a student in the Diocesan School for Ministry, has been assigned to St. John's Episcopal Church in Tampa for his field education. He will be under the direction of Fr. Chris Wood for three terms, beginning June 2023 through April 2024. We are excited for Chad's progress in his discernment process and will continue to keep him in our prayers.

Mike Alford, who is a student at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA has recently accepted a position as Curate, Assisting Priest at St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg after he graduates in May. His ordination to the priesthood will be announced later.

The Coffee Hour: Our corporate worship binds us together in faith, but it is Fellowship that binds us together in community; the meeting with, and caring for, each other on a more personal level. Please make a point of asking someone you don't know well to join you at Fellowship and make them feel welcome. Fellowship is easier to accomplish with Coffee, Tea, Cookies, Pastries, etc. We need you to help with this vital ministry by volunteering to set-up and/or clean-up for each service. There is a sign-up board in the Parish Hall or see Bob Angelo if you have questions or are interested in learning more about 'Hosting.' The 8AM coffee hour needs volunteers the most, so for us to have continued service, we are asking those members to please sign up.

Livestream Technicians Wanted: Each Sunday, we are blessed to have David Richcreek and Watson Roberts work above in our balcony, at the 10am service, making sure the livestream is being fed to our Facebook page. We have on average a dozen or so people/families, who enjoy watching from afar. Some enjoy watching the recording later. This is a genuine way to keep others close and part of our family, although they are unable to attend. We need to train at least 1-2 more individuals who are not afraid of computers, like technical things, and see the bigger picture, no pun intended. If you are interested, please see Shirley McAllister, David or Watson.

Our organist Gabriel Johnston spent last week working studying organ improvisation with Jeffrey Brillhart who teaches at Yale. Improvisation in the organ world has a long tradition from Bach to present allowing one to react quickly and appropriately to the service. He also got to hear the world's largest organ which happens to be in a Macy's in Philadelphia!

Plan to join the fun on Thursday, March 30 at 6pm in the Meeting Room as we make the Crosses for Palm Sunday and fill the eggs for Easter Sunday's egg hunt. Want to help but can't participate on Thursday? Volunteer to help decorate the church for Palm Sunday, help hand out palms, or help hide the eggs or shepherd the children on Easter Sunday. Contact Laurinda Anderson for more information about the Egg Hunt, or Lynne Roberts & Patty Olsen about decorating for Palm Sunday.

Serving in multiple capacities, our Vestry leaders will need your help to volunteer and assist them in reaching the goals established. Here is a listing of the Vestry and the Commission they volunteered to lead. Please reach out to them with any questions and thoughts. Vestry Member Commissions: Shirley McAllister (Connections), Patti Brady (Christian Ed.), Bob Angelo (Fellowship), Carol Adams (Leadership), Connie Curran (Missions), Clive Burton & Bob Cannistrano (Outreach), Kathryn Powers (Pastoral Care), Peter Chabot & Steve Anderson (Property), Mary Beals (Stewardship) and Bob Thacker (Worship). Bob Thacker is the Sr. Warden and Peter Chabot is the Jr. Warden. To support the Vestry, Rick Schock is the Treasurer and Lynne Roberts is the Clerk of the Vestry.

Parking Lots Ministry Our parking lots are indeed an incredible source of revenue for the operation of Calvary, provided by the public when prompted by signage to give when they park. Fr. Roberts, who designed and implemented the Drop boxes in 2017, that receive donations, and recently with QR codes for digital donations, says that this is an "extension of the offering plate" and an excellent means of "evangelism." There are countless stories of how appreciative people are. When they do give, they tell us they feel it is their way of giving to God.

Our property is now a premium with it becoming more difficult to find venues for events and especially spaces to park for those going to the beach. We see our Parking Lots as an active ministry and need volunteers from now through end of April. Who wants to be an Evangelist? If you arrive at 9am on Sunday and stand outside at the entrances of our parking lots, you will see people who intend to park and go to the beach. Let them know, parking until 11am is reserved only for those coming to worship by attending church. Invite them to come as they are, enjoy the service, and then go to the beach. You would be surprised at the results. We need willing bodies

and open minds and hearts for this assignment. Easter Sunday will soon be here and we DEFINITELY NEED 2-4 volunteers standing guard, allowing only church attendees as we anticipate a lot of people that day, April 9. If you can do this, please see Fr. Jon or any member of the Vestry. We really need your help!

Wear Your Nametags This is our high season of visitors and seasonal membership. From now until end of May, please wear your nametag for others to associate more freely with you. You may leave your tags at either narthex for when you return. We make nametags on request and are happy to mint one for new members and those who visit often. Please send request to admin@calvaryrb.org or fill out a Nametag request form in the pews. Once made, you will find your newly minted nametag at the front reception desk in the office.

Last Chance for Lenten Confessions It is a Christian obligation to hold a time of fasting and penitence for these forty days and forty nights. Making your annual confession to the priest is a practice to draw us nearer to our Savior and Lent is an excellent time for making personal assessments. When was the last time you made a confession to your priest? The Book of Common Prayer contains the language for that sacred occurrence, and we encourage every member to make a private confession at least one time per year. It is a spiritual purging of sin by drawing another close, in the choice of one who is ordained a priest, whereas verbalizing, taking inventory and voicing out in the open, helps you grow. Many do not take advantage of this practice because they may feel it alters their relationship with their priest, perhaps causing distance but that is far from the truth. If anything, it draws a closer bond of mutual affection and care. Please consider making a private confession by setting an appointment next week with Fr. Roberts. Everything is held under the stole of privacy and love. He has decided he will take appointments until Maundy Thursday.

Sabbatical Update: Just after Easter you will receive a wonderful letter detailing Our Spiritual Renewal Plan. I hope you find it filled with opportunities for your own spiritual growth.

Sabbatical Fund Update: We have received \$12,000 towards the sabbatical. The overall, general Sabbatical budget can now be found on our website with a total expected, and approved expense of \$35,000. This amount will afford for both the Clergy & Parish sabbatical components. Will you make a generous donation towards this vital investment in the future of our church? This is part of a long-term strategic plan and it is “Our Sabbatical”. Every member of the parish is to be included for the purpose of a joyous spiritual renewal that is ongoing and on its way.

The Sabbatical Fund



Invest in our Future

The Sabbatical Committee is led by Karen LaCorte-Nies and joined by Bob Lima, Patti Brady, Mary Schock, Bob Thacker, Cherie Angelo, and of course, Fr. Jon & Lynne Roberts.

**CONNECTIONS
THIS WEEK AT CALVARY**

Sunday	8am 10am	The Holy Eucharist Rite I The Holy Eucharist Rite II <i>In Person & livestream on FB</i> <i>Coffee/Fellowship offered today after each service</i>
Monday	9am-1pm 7pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Church open for private prayer Recovery Group NA Bell Ringer Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	9am-1pm 12pm 6pm	Church open for private prayer “Church Chat” with Fr. Jon <i>on Facebook</i> Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	9am-1pm 10am-12pm 10am 12pm	Church open for private prayer Food Pantry open for food distribution Bible Study with Bill Athanson <i>on Zoom</i> Holy Eucharist & Holy Unction <i>in person & on Facebook</i>
Thursday	9am-1pm 2pm 4pm 5pm-7pm 6pm 7pm	Church open for private prayer Endowment Committee eNews Launch Food Pantry open for food distribution Palm Crosses & Stuffing Eggs <i>In the Meeting Room</i> Recovery Group NA
Saturday	7pm	Recovery Group AA

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

April 2 nd	8/10am	Palm Sunday
April 6 th	7pm	Maundy Thursday
April 7 th	8am 12pm	Stations of the Cross on the Beach Veneration of the Cross in church
April 8 th	9am	Holy Saturday, Altar Guild setup
April 9 th	7/8/10am	Easter Sunday



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Offerings Around the Diocese: Details on the Print Room Corkboard

Tuesdays at noon: A Noon Lenten Recital Series; various churches

April 22, English Tea & Handbag sale; All Saints, Tarpon Springs

April 29, A Golf Outing: Church of the Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor

Calvary

Episcopal Church
Indian Rocks Beach

April 2 – April 9, 2023

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday

8 AM "Passion" & Holy Eucharist Rite I
10 AM "Passion" & Holy Eucharist Rite II *

Maundy Thursday

7 PM Holy Eucharist & "Upper Room"
8PM-7AM The Garden of Gethsemane Vigil

Good Friday

8 AM Stations of the Cross (Beach)*
12 PM The Solemn "Veneration"

Holy Saturday

9 AM Holy Saturday Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday

7 AM "Sunrise" Service (Calvary Cove)*
10 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt

* Services that will/may be outdoors

VISITOR SIGN IN



SUNDAY DONATIONS



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