Calvary Episcopal Church
Indian Rocks Beach, FL
"To know Christ and to make Him known"

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026



The Foolish Virgins (Les vierges folles), *1886–1994, James Tissot*

10:00AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II



The Rector's Welcome

Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church! Please know that you are a blessing to us by being present today.

This congregation has been worshipping in Indian Rocks Beach since 1962. By worshipping with us today, you are becoming part of this vibrant tradition of prayer and praise.

The purpose of Christian worship is to proclaim the wonderful redeeming works of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We do this by proclaiming God's Word in Holy Scripture, praying for the world and ourselves, and most importantly, gathering around the altar to celebrate the real presence of Jesus through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our prayer is that you will join this growing Parish family and become part of our mission to "Know Christ and make Him known."

You can learn more about Calvary by contacting our Church Office or speaking with me or a member of our Vestry before you leave today. For the latest news events, please visit our website (calvaryirb.org) and subscribe to receive our weekly Newsletter.

May God bless your time with us, and may you feel the power of His redeeming love and embrace.

Yours in Christ,

Father Jon Roberts +

The Rev. Jon Roberts
Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church

VISITOR SIGN IN

OFFERING

The Sunday Customary

Order of Service

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:00 AM

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

Prelude Dr. Gabriel Johnston

Processional Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* **Hymn #690**

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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*.

Gloria in excelsis *(Sung in unison)* **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 of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O GOD, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS - *The people sit.*

The First Lesson (Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25)
Reader: A reading from the book of Joshua.
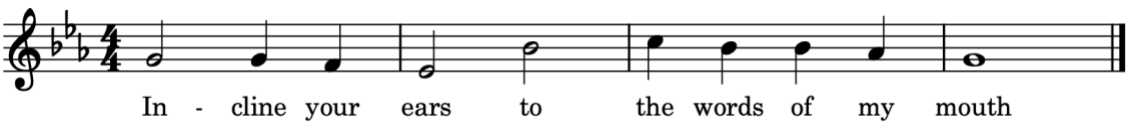
JOSHUA gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to

all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78 ***Attendite, populе*** *Antiphon sung by people, verses sung by choir*

People: **Antiphon**



Choir:
Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *

People: **Antiphon** *Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

Choir:
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

People: **Antiphon** *Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

Choir:
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.

The Epistle (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

WE do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Fight the good fight with all thy might* **Hymn # 552**

The Holy Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.✠
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Sermon **The Rev. Jon Roberts**
After the sermon, the people remain seated and observe a brief time of silence.

Nicene Creed *(All stand, if able)* **BCP pgs. 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.***

Prayers of the People (Form III) **BCP p. 387**
Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: **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;
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;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
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.

Celebrant:

We pray for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially, Jackie Tatsak, Gary Spivack, and Sara Goodrich. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(We invite you to share your intercessions)*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The General Confession **BCP p. 359**

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

All: (Stand 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.**

All stand, if able. The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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 Anthem *The Gift of Love* Hal H. Hopson

The Sunday donations/offerings are collected during this time by the Ushers. A plate will be circulated for all forms of giving. The Church needs your generosity in order to provide the message of Christ to the world.

Doxology *Old 100th* – Isaac Watts **Hymn #380 (vs.3)**

All: *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 B* **BCP p. 367**

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(The Proper Preface)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus **Hymn S-125**

All: *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.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. ✠

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

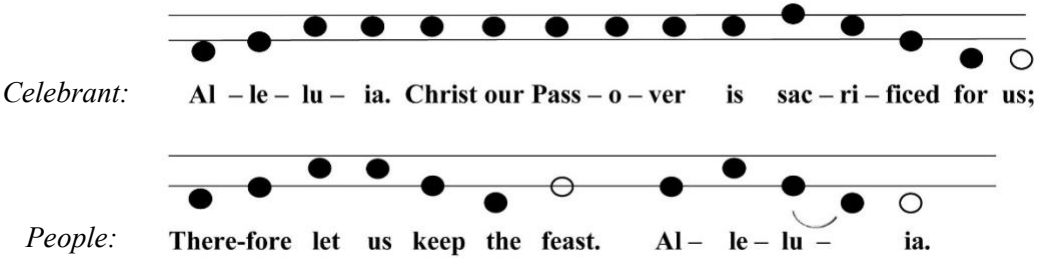
Celebrant : And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.***

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, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Fraction Anthem **Hymn S-152**



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.

All Baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Please protect the sanctity of the common cup. Self-intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not our practice.

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 given* **Hymn #309**

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 & Dismissal

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.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn *Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!* **Hymn #438**

Postlude Dr. Gabriel Johnston

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 applause as it does not conform to appropriate worship.

Those Serving Today

Celebrant: Fr. Jon Roberts
LEM(s): Karen LaCorte-Nies
Reader: Debbie Pawlowski
Prayers of the People: David Kline
Greeter(s): Laurie Cassidy
Organist & Choir Director: Dr. Gabriel Johnston
Calvary Choir
Vestry: Julie Heinicka
Children's Chapel: Josh Hankins
Hospitality: Bob Angelo

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Jackie Tatsak (9), Gary Spivack (9), Sara Goodrich (11).
If your birthday or anniversary was inadvertently left out, please let us know so we may correct.

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SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, AND INVITE THEM TO CHURCH.





“Something Old & Something New”
Sunday Bible Study
9:00 AM The Meeting Place

Today’s Feature
“Tobit & Anna with the kid”

No Class Nov. 15