

# Calvary Episcopal Church

Indian Rocks Beach, FL

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

## Ascension Sunday

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



*The Ascension (L'Ascension), 1886–1894, 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 to me or a member of our Vestry before you leave today. For the latest news events, please visit our website ([calvaryirb.org](http://calvaryirb.org)) and subscribe to receive our weekly eNews.

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

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Jon Roberts  
Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church

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# 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

*Adagio KV 332*

Mozart

## Processional Hymn

*Crown him with many crowns*

**Hymn #494**

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Son of God  
before the worlds began,  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,  
crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven,  
enthroned in worlds above;  
crown him the King, to whom is given,  
the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns,  
as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
for he is King of all.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed over the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him of lords the Lord,  
who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,  
for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light,  
where saints with angels sing  
their songs before him day and night,  
their God, Redeemer, King.

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

### 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.

**A**LMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**THE LESSONS**      *The people sit.*

### **The First Lesson** (Acts 1:1-11)

*Reader:*      *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

**I**N the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*Reader:*      The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 93**      *Dominus regnavit*      *said responsively*

*Leader:* The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

*People:* **He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;**

*Leader:* Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.

*People:* **The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

*Leader:* Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

*People:* **Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.**

**The Epistle** (Ephesians 1:15-23)

*Reader:* *A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.*

**I** HAVE heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader:*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn:**

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*

**Hymn #460 (vss.1-2)**

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

## **The Holy Gospel (Luke 24:44-53)**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.✠

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

**J**ESUS said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Sequence Hymn:**

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*

**Hymn #460 (vss.3-4)**

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Jon Roberts

### **Nicene Creed** (*All stand, if able*)

**BCP pgs. 358**

**W**E 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.

Leader: 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 Samantha Kingston, Cecily Pond, Lynne Roberts, Julie Heinicka. 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**

*Deacon:* 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**

*Deacon:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **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.*

**Offertory Music** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God* Karen Lafferty

*The Sunday donations/offertings are collected during this time by the Ushers. A plate will be circulated for all forms of giving.*

*Please stand for the Doxology.*

**Doxology** *Old 100<sup>th</sup> – 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* **The Book of Common Prayer 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:

*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-154** (*sung a cappella*)

**Celebrant:** (Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

**People:** there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

*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 may receive Holy Communion and others are encouraged to receive a Blessing from the priest.*

**Communion Hymn**

*Humbly I adore thee*

**Hymn #314**

- 1. Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,  
Who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;  
Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,  
Tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.
- 2. Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;  
Faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.  
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;  
What the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.
- 3. O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;  
Living Bread, which givest all thy creatures  
breath,  
Grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,  
To my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.
- 4. Jesus, by Heav'n veiled, I perceive by faith;  
What my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, forsake:  
That thy face unveiled, I at last may see,  
With the blissful vision, blest my God, of thee.

**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.**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Processional Hymn

*Hail thee, festival day!*

**Hymn #216**

*Refrain:*

Hail thee, festival day!  
blest day that art hallowed forever,  
day when the Christ ascends,  
high in the heavens to reign.

1 He who was nailed to the cross  
is Lord and the ruler of nature;  
all things created on earth  
sing to the glory of God: *Refrain*

2 Daily the loveliness grows,  
adorned with the glory of blossom;  
heaven her gates unbars,  
flinging her increase of light: *Refrain*

3 God the Creator, the Lord  
who rulest the earth and the heavens  
guard us from harm without,  
cleanse us from evil within: *Refrain*

4 Jesus the health of the world,  
enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme,  
only begotten of God: *Refrain*

5 Spirit of life and of power,  
now flow in us, fount of our being,  
light that dost lighten all,  
life that in all dost abide: *Refrain*

6 Praise to the Giver of good!  
Thou Love who art author of concord,  
pour out thy balm on our souls,  
order our ways in thy peace: *Refrain*

## Postlude

*Sortie*

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 appropriate worship.*

## Those Serving Today

Celebrant: Fr. Jon Roberts Vestry: Jennifer Landry  
Deacon: Chad Olson Reader: Thom Knudson  
LEM: Karen LaCorte-Nies Hospitality: The Angelos

Organist: Gabriel Johnston  
Calvary Choir  
Children's Chapel: Joshua Hankins

## **Prayers For Healing, Comfort & Strength**

*Prayers are maintained on a weekly basis.*

*Please notify the Office if prayers are requested for members or friends of the Parish.*

**Members:** Connie Curran, Cynthia Laitinen, Sally Donnor, Martha Kelley, Kathy Cummings, Betty Cole, Trina Cuccio, Dr. Lee Goscin, Carol Adams, Jim Widell, Liz Robb, Jackie Tatsak, Cora Miller, Sally Sherwood, Jolene Talty, Karen LaCorte-Nies.

**Friends of the Parish:** Kathy Deary, John Robb, Sgt. Billy Gudzak U.S. Army-Ret., Hudson Getreu, Paisley Blaskovich, Gerry Heshelman, Bonnie Colletti, Wally Morris, Roiann Chabot, Charlie Donnor, Susan Boilore, Tyler Balla, Chris Goscin, Vicki VanSickle, Susan Strong, Fran Gonzalez, Tim May, Donald Ziggas, Steve McBain, Barbara Tobias, Debbie Arndt, Sue Nies, Lily Reynolds, Mae Kingston, Leighton Parker, Cecelia Meredith, Ryan Richards, Sadie Jane Odishoo, Nina Solem, Ruby Robb and family, Alexis Pond, Michael Donnor & family, Andrew Gerber, Eddie Curran, Ray Hodowanic, Louis “Lou” Bonsey, Lynn Vacherlon, Connie & Kevin Clark, Johanna & Mike Costello, Steve McBain, Michelle Kravetz, Bill Ballard, Amy Kniffen, Carol Noftsier.

**For those serving in the Military (Active):** Thomas Blaskovich & Amanda Rigby (Beals family), Zachary Bard (Talty family).

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Samantha Kingston (17), Cecily Pond (18), Lynne Roberts (20), Julie Heinicka (22).

*If your birthday or anniversary was inadvertently left out, please let us know so we may correct.*

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