



Calvary Episcopal Church
The Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024

Prelude - *Veni, Creator Spiritus*

setting by Wilbur Held

Opening Hymn - *Hail thee, festival day*

#225 Hymnal 1982

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every people and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lector A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel [37:1-14]

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.

Lector Hear what the spirit is saying to the churches
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Lector A Reading from the book of Acts [2:1-21]

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All

were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ "

Lector Hear what the spirit is saying to the churches
People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn - *Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove*

#512 Hymnal 1982

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [15:26-27; 16:4b-15]
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Anthem – *Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song*

David Ashley White

Communion Hymns

Come down, O Love divine

#516 Hymnal 1982

Eternal Spirit of the living Christ

#698 Hymnal 1982

Closing Hymn – *O day of radiant gladness*

#48 Hymnal 1982

Postlude – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

setting by Jonathan Reuss

Participants in the Service

Preacher/Presider The Rev. J. Clarkson

Deacon The Rev. Jacqueline Combs

Lector 8:00 – Dan Vining

10:30 – Becky Lowrey

Chalice 8:00 – Glenda Davis

10:30 – Jo Wicker and Peggy White

Almoner 8:00 – Ann Wait

10:30 –

Greeters 8:00 – Dan & Martha Vining

10:30 – Suzanne Kirby and Barry King

Coffee Hour 8:00 – Vining

10:30 – Kathy M. & Joe Longo

Altar Guild – Noyes Team

The flowers are given today by Melba Frank to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband Bill’s birthday.

The Sanctuary Candle today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Charles Smith by Barbara and their family.

The flowers which beautify our reredos and the Sanctuary candle which symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit can be presented in honor or memory of someone. To do so, you may fill out the form [online](#), or email asuares@calvaryfletcher.org.

Birthdays

Margo Johnston (5/20), Sally Phillips (5/20), Justin Lovelace (5/20), Beverly Belden (5/21), Georgiana Shorman (5/21), The Rev. J. Clarkson (5/24), Jonah Fore (5/24), Andy Davis (5/25)

If you would like to add your birthday to our list, please email Abby at asuares@calvaryfletcher.org.

Announcements

This Week:

Mon., May 20 – 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl and Prayer Square Group

Mon., May 20 – 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (dinner at 6:00)

Wed., May 22 – 10:00 a.m. Healing Eucharist

Further Ahead:

Mon., May 27 – Office Closed/Memorial Day

Sat., June 1 – Troop 61 Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser in the Parish Hall (time TBA)

Sun., June 2 – Scout Sunday

News from the Calvary Food Pantry & The Lord's Acre Garden



May 11, 2024, Calvary Food Pantry -- May 11th was another busy morning in the pantry as we served 123 Households comprising 447 individuals. We welcomed 7 new Households having 23 members. We continue to show increases over last year. Through 19 weeks Households served have increased 7% and individual counts within those Households have increased 11% compared to 2023.

This past week was incredibly momentous for the pantry.

On Wednesday (May 8) the pantry celebrated its 15th anniversary with a blessing of the Lord's Acre of Fletcher and Tierra Fertile gardens, followed by a wonderful dinner with live music. Rev. J. Clarkson gave a slide presentation of the history of the pantry and honored Carol Romine and Lois Pryor. They identified the need in our community and provided the vision and effort to open a food pantry in a small closet space in the Calvary Episcopal parish hall in 2009. The pantry now operates out of a 5,000 sq ft building, "The Center of Hope".

We also recognize and thank all the many volunteers (past and present), partner churches, community members, civic organizations, schools, retirement communities, donors, foundations, and all who have contributed in some way to this ministry of service to those experiencing food insecurity.

On the very next day, Thursday (May 9), the pantry received 18 pallets (27,691 pounds) of food generously donated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This was to be split between the pantry and Meals on Wheels. The Pantry's portion was 18,171 pounds. The donated food included canned fruit, rice, pasta, peanut butter, shelf-stable milk, white flour, pinto beans, potato flakes and 112 boxes of assorted nutritional staple food items.

What was expected to take 2 days to unload, sort and divide the 18 pallets of food took 2-3 hours with the amazing help of 7 local Army Recruiters from Asheville and Hendersonville. We are grateful to them for their service to our nation and our community.

Our most recent garden improvement is the planting of a pollinator garden which Michael Scruckmayr has taken on as his Eagle Project. Our Lord's Acre bees are sure to enjoy the results of that effort.

The pantry garden is ramping up for the season. On Saturday, over 100 heads of nutritious, leafy lettuce were harvested for our neighbors at the pantry.

For The Executive Committee,
Fred Yopps, fyoppsCECFP@gmail.com

Calvary Prayer List

Immediate Concerns - Joe Kelly, Ethel, Jackie Collison, Jimmy Hall, Scott Breiner, Carol Lancaster, Jenn and Will, Joyce Barrier, James Lewis, Dab Bowles, Janet Young, Brenda Youngblood, Kathy Ward, Michelle Kilby, Carl Gittings, David Sailer, Anne Rodgers, Elizabeth Pritchett, Paula Knezha, Diana Walgreen, Sharm and Randy, Wade Austin and Family, Carol Bjorlie, Calvin Bayne, Donna Miller, Tim Nunez

Ongoing Prayer Requests - Pam Lyding, Cameron Furlow, Irene Bishop, Peggy Smith, Dale Abeling, Kay & Steve Nesbitt, Victoria Loftin, Herb Dawkins, Harold Dawkins, Rusty Wagstaff, Steve Smith, Alice Smith, Phoebe Romine McLeod, Hazel Romine, Brenda Vinson, Sharon Chalmers, Janet Kuykendall, Tanya Burdette, Ken Joyner, Charlie Collier

Those Who Put Themselves in Harm's Way on Our Behalf - Brian Hughes, Jonathan Robbins, Phil Williams, John Presley, Jimmy Hall, Lane Thomas, Kameron Buchanan, Jonah Fore, Anabell Motley, Gregory Motley

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