

CALVARY ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST MORNING PRAYER

01, September 2024

Officiant: Sharon Congleton

Homilist: Bennedette Greene

Interim Organist: H. L. Smith, II

PRAISE & WORSHIP

1. This Little Light of Mine LEVAS ~ 160
2. God is So Good LEVAS ~ 214
3. Evey Praise is To Our God

PRELUDE – PSALM XLV - Kuhnau

OFFICIANT:

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

HYMN: HYMNAL – 372 PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD

OFFICIANT:

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silent before him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

OFFICIANT: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

OFFICIANT:

Most merciful God, 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.**

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord open our lips

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

VENITE (ALL)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 45: 1-2, 7-10

Lector: *Benedette Greene*

1. My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
2. *You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.*
7. Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
8. *Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.*
9. All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
10. *Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.*

Glory be to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

A Reading from SONG OF SOLOMON 2: 8-13

Lector: Martina Bennett

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 10 (ALL)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the evil ones their thoughts; And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as rain and snow fall from the heavens and return not again, but water the earth, Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating, So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me empty; But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, and prosper in that for which I sent it.

A Reading From JAMES 1: 17-27

Lector: William Berry

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose, he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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HYMN: LEVAS II – 138 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

A Reading from MARK 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Lector: Donald Ringgold

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY... Bennedette Greene

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (People)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

THE PEACE

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

PEOPLE: And also with you

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

OFFERTORY HYMN: HYMNAL – 436 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

PEOPLE: All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE PRAYERS

OFFICIANT: The Lord be with you

PEOPLE: And also with you

Let us Pray {Spoken}

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

SUFFRAGE A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R . And grant us your salvation. (People)

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy. *(People)*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety. *(People)*

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth. *(People)*

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. You're saving health among all nations *(People)*

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away. *(People)*

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit. *(People)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O, God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen**

The People may offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(ALL)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all you have made. We bless you for our creation,

preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

OFFICIANT: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

OFFICIANT: Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

OFFICIANT:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Vestry-member*

CLOSING HYMN: HYMNAL – 436 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

POSTLUDE – TOCCATA FOR FLUTES - Dail

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Vestryperson)

Attention everyone who is able, please come out and enjoy our festive day of Back to Church Sunday, Friends & Family Day on September 8, 2024. Please use the *Special Offering Envelope marked Friends & Family Day*. Come on out to fellowship and celebrate the glory with your church family.

ARTCINIA, Our Calvary Jazz Festival is kicking off on Saturday September 21, 2024, starting @ **2:00 pm.** with the phenomenal Nazir Ebo, a premier multi-instrumentalist hailing from Philadelphia. Having shared the stage with luminaries like Joshua Redman, Logan Richardson, Kenneth Whalum, Soweto Kinch, Bootsy Collins, and Dezron Douglas, Nazir's performance you will not want to miss. If weather permits, this family-friendly event will take place outdoors in the Calvary parking lot. Tickets are \$10.00 & Seniors @ \$5.00. Light refreshments will be served.

DEANERY MEETING: September 18, 2024, 6:00 pm @ African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas - 6364 Lancaster Ave.

MICHAELMAS is fast approaching, on September 29th, 2024, and please take note that the **SERVICE WILL BEGIN @ 9:00 AM.** Father Jordan Casson, will be the guest speaker for this distinctive prayer service.

The Food Pantry is open on Mondays only (no holidays) from 12:00 pm-6:00 pm, and the doors close at 5:45 pm. To receive any food, you must present a state issued identification card. In addition, please make sure that you sign the logbook when you receive any food.

THANK YOU all, who purchase the Sunday Tribune Newspaper, for the price of \$1.00. This single dollar goes a long way to help improve our youth programs. Please see Burhedita Gonzalez or Judith Brewer to get your copy. Thank you.

THANK YOU to everyone for continuing with your tithes and other gifts that you share with the church. May God continue to bless each one of us. **ONLINE GIVING** is available through the web app, called Givelify. You can download the Givelify-app, @ the Apple store or Google Play store (see the last page for the QR-code link).

To add or remove names from the PRAYER LIST please contact Sharon Congleton @ 215-843-5538 or via email @ sharonjoyme@aol.com

If you wish to offer your talent as a singer, and or are need a ride to church, please contact Frances Upshaw by Wednesday @ 215-806-1020 or via email @ franupshaw72@gmail.com.

CHORISTERS REHEARSAL: WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Happy Birthday

Dolores Brewer, Elsie Darby, Donte Smith-Harmon, Travis Felton, Jordan Baxter

BLESSINGS & REMEMBRANCES

Candles on the Altar are lighted in loving memory of Millie & Bender Hardy

The Seven Spirit Lights are lighted in loving memory of LaVerne E. Gonzalez

The Presence Light is lighted in loving memory of Juan Gonzalez

The above is given by Burhedita Gonzalez

PRAYER REQUESTS

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy ailing servants and give thy power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Leah Alexander, Dereck P. Baxter II, Lewis Berry, Sr., Alice Briscoe-Brown, Delores Cartwright, J. Claus, Eugene Cobb, Robert Dabney, Jr., Donna Davis, Elsie Darby, Edna Drayton, Deandre DuPois, Cindy Fisher, Kathleen Freeman, Brendan Gilchrist, Burhedita Gonzalez, Regina Grier, Pauline Hilton, Kenneth Hudson, Betty Humphrey, Kira Ingram, Doris Jackson, Eric Jackson, Willie Jewett, Melba Jordan, Bobby King, Emma Latimore, Charles Lyons, Majorie Mallory, Dara Mason, Darice Mason-Scott Family, Halise McKinney, Louise Moss, Curtis Owens, Dorothy Payne, Charles Pressley, Shirley Ragin, Aidan Seawell, Tony Slaughter, Yvonne Sledge, Thomas Stewart, Robert Stewart, Gary Travis, Ethel Watson, Kathleen Williams.

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

D. Walker Dugan, Osbourne G. Still, Leona Ann Morris, William Hunter, Richard Jones

Ministers Serving September 08, 2024, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Alice Briscoe-Brown 1st Lesson: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Sandra McFadden-Brown Psalm: 125

Dereck P. Baxter, Sr. 2nd Lesson: James 2: 1-10, [11-13], 14-17

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VESTRY:

Benedette Greene-*Rector's Warden*, Frances Upshaw-*Accounting Warden*, Judith Brewer-*Clerk of the Vestry*, Kathleen Williams, Dereck P. Baxter, Sr, Mary Hill Jackson, Charlene Crafter, Angela Holland, Brenda Belton, Juanita Chambers, Elwood Collins and William Berry (Auxiliary: Brenda Gilchrist-Allen, Willie Jewett)

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a welcoming inclusive church offering without distinction to age, class, race, gender, sexual orientation or able-bodied-ness, a spiritual, social and educational hub for the Belmont Community. We share lively, spiritual, and relevant worship and offer a place of safety, encouragement, and education for young people.

MISSION STATEMENT:

God is calling our congregation to grow spiritually, share our life with God's children and make known His love through word and deed.

Agape ! Unconditional Love!

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