

The Canticle

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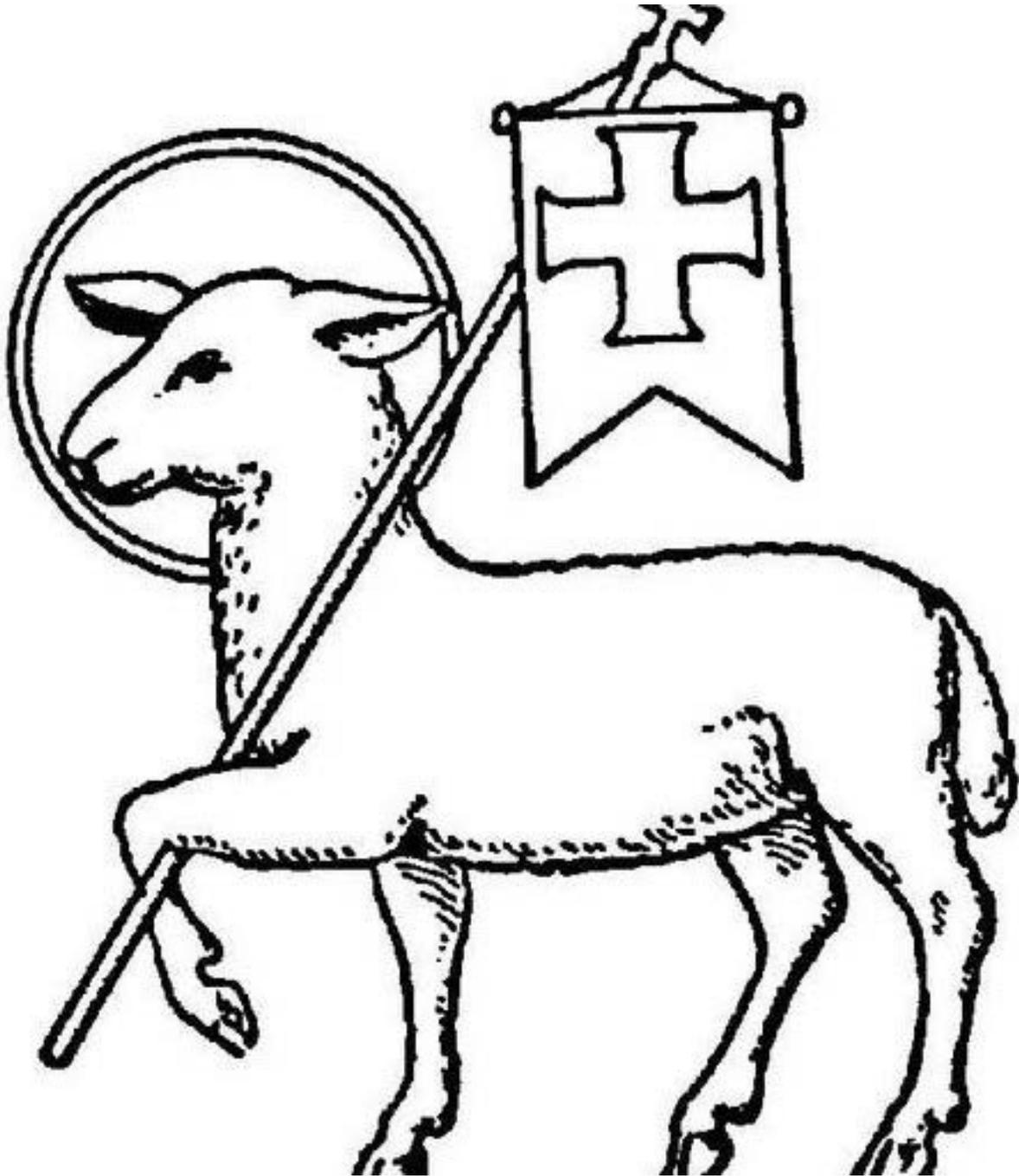
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“O send out your light and your truth that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.”



EASTER: A SEASON OF HOPE

Being Easter People

By The Rev. Canon Michel Belt, Interim Priest-in-Residence

*“For to your faithful people, O Lord,
life is changed, not ended ...”*

~ Proper Preface for the Commemoration of the Dead, BCP 382

Some of you, at least those of a certain age, might recognize these words; words offered during Communion in the Burial Rite. I don't know about you, but if I pay too much time to the news lately, it's as if we are already on that road to our final end. Between the rampant growth of those ill or dying with the novel coronavirus, the stock market's radical rises and falls, the panic- buying and hoarding of relatively ordinary cleaning supplies and food, the government-forced self-quarantine, it does seem as though our world is coming to an end.

Some words from those I consider wise is, first and foremost, don't overload on news—once or twice a day is probably enough. The health-news alone can easily overload us. I have germ-a-phobe friends who can't turn off the news; Sirius XM Radio announced a 24-7 station dealing with the virus. Talking with them, I hear the panic in their voices; they are shutting down. They are caught in a panic, one—at least partially—of their own making. They listen to the news non-stop, and take every item as directly affecting them. With every symptom listed, they begin experiencing those very symptoms, or imagine them in friends or family. Regrettably, there are others, the deniers—who've bought into the “fake news” story line, and now don't believe that anyone is telling them the truth. For them, it is all manufactured, to scare or control us.

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All of us living in these unusual times—of incredible uncertainty—know all our lives have been changed, there is no denying that. Those in school or still working, find themselves housebound for the foreseeable future; no going to school, or commuting to work. For those retired, they got used to shopping at off-hours. Now, there are no off-hours. Beyond that, they may find the shelves emptied, or the quantities available restricted. They may find a reduction in the hours their favorite store is open, or restricted to certain people at certain times of the day. Or, they may find a total closure of their “special place.” And this says nothing of the change forced on those who depend on these places for their livelihood.

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Yes, life is changed. But, as people of faith, we can pause in the midst of all these changes—changes which we have no control over (maybe that's why change is so difficult!). We live in the sure knowledge that we have a Creator God who cares for us (even in the midst of these changes), a God who loves us, and will never abandon us. This same God sent the only Son, to experience human life, to teach us, to care for us, to model a life not driven by the winds of change, but by God's own Holy Spirit, who will be by our side through all the changes and chances we might encounter.

*“For to your faithful people, O Lord,
life is changed, not ended ...
there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.”*

Life will improve. Things will return to normal. We are after all Easter people!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

At the time of writing, Calvary Church assumes that, due to COVID-19, public worship will continue to be suspended beyond Easter. With this in mind, we plan to offer Holy Week and Easter services live online, via Facebook. Any changes to this plan will be promptly communicated!

How to view services on Facebook Live

You do not need a Facebook account! Simply visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/calvarysummit). The video stream will begin approximately five minutes before the stated start time and will appear on Calvary's page (scroll down until you see it) or in the 'Video' tab on the left side if you are on a computer. Please reload the page if the video does not appear.

For those who cannot join live, a recording of the service will remain on the Facebook page after the broadcast is concluded. In addition, sermons are posted at www.calvarysummit.org/sermons.

PALM SUNDAY

April 5

10:30 am Sunday of the Passion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9

7:00 pm The Liturgy of the Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10

3:00 pm The Liturgy of the Passion

EASTER DAY

April 12

10:30 am The Eucharist of the Resurrection

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On April 19 & 26, Sunday services
will be live-streamed at 10:30 am

Moving Forward

By Bebe Lee, Senior Warden

As the Staff, Clergy, and Vestry keep all of the Calvary Community in our prayers, we are moving forward to maintain basic operations in these new 'normal' times.

- We are holding weekly virtual staff meetings and held our first Vestry 'Zoom' meeting on March 29.
- Father Michel has 'Zoomed' with the Pastoral Care Committee to determine needs and review protocols for supporting parishioners.
- Kevin, Matt and Michel are working to improve the technical aspects of our online streaming services.
- Sadie and Lara have reached out to their respective programs with phone calls, online resources, and virtual gatherings.

Thanks to our staff and leadership for your service and commitment to Calvary's parish family. We are all here to support you and your family and should you need us, please reach out via email or phone calls.



Apostles House Update

Ten boxes of food delivered

Many thanks to Jeannie Tsukamoto, a friend of Fr. Belt, and the Madison Rotary club, for donating 2,160 meals to the Apostles House Food Pantry. On Saturday, March 7, Rotary gathered 1,000 volunteers at Drew University to put together over 180,000 meals for New Jersey's food need. This is the fifth year Rotary has undertaken this mission of providing non-GMO, ready-to-cook, mac and cheese, red beans and rice, and apple cinnamon oatmeal to numerous local agencies.

With the help of Leonard Prentice, Calvary's Outreach Chairperson, Dick and Brenda Ash delivered 10 boxes of food to the food pantry on Monday, March 9. With a recent increase to over 400 families seeking food assistance, this donation could not have happened at a better time. Tabatha Perez, Office Administrator for AH Food Pantry, expressed her deep thanks to Calvary and the Madison Rotary for this generous donation.

During the Coronavirus crisis, the need for food at Apostles' House continues – and will likely even grow. However, the doors of Calvary remain open and if you feel called, you may drop off non-perishable food in the wicker baskets at the doors. If you make out a check to Calvary, designated for Apostles' House, that would also be greatly appreciated.



From Calvary, we send prayers of wellness, light and love to all our youth and families at this time! We're offering a way for our Confirmation class to continue to gather on Sunday mornings for a few more weeks. Our upcoming meeting dates are April 19 and 26. The meeting time will be from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm. Please contact Lara Wiggins, lwiggins@calvarysummit.org, if you would like to attend the class and haven't received a Zoom invitation.

We will continue to share updates about the Calvary Confirmation service as soon as we receive communication from the Diocese. Know that you are a cherished part of this community and that your presence at Calvary is missed. We want to accompany you through this tough season. Please call or text, if you need or want to connect; we'd love to know how you each are doing. 251-406-1295. Be well, and take care, Lara

"May we know that we are all One. The indwelling of the Divine Spirit connects us 'to everyone and everything since the beginning of time.'" - Richard Rohr

Help Feed Overlook Staff

By Leonard Prentice, Outreach Chair

Brothers and Sisters of Calvary,

Please support Calvary Outreach in feeding the staff at Overlook Hospital by donating to FLAG. FLAG is a local group raising funds to source meals through local restaurants and deliver them to Overlook. FLAG's goal is to feed 100 Overlook staff, at lunch and dinner time. This is a huge task and we can help. SummitPAL (Summit Police Athletic League) is collecting donations - so they're tax deductible.

Overlook staff receives meals. Local restaurants have business. Donations are tax deductible. FLAG is doing very good, very smart work.

If you are on Facebook:

Search for FLAG of Summit. Follow the instructions on the FLAG posts. They are collecting donations through SummitPAL.

If you are not on Facebook:

Go to the summitPAL.org website. Click on the credit card in the upper right corner and donate. I received a Confirm email from SummitPAL the same day. All SummitPAL donations are going to FLAG.

If you prefer to write a check:

Make your check payable to SummitPAL and write FLAG in the memo line. Mail your check to SummitPAL at 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit NJ 07901.

I don't think this one needs a lot of preaching. I trust you all.

We Are Called by Name



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD
SHEPHERD

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd continues online through this time of enforced physical absence! Links were emailed out on March 22. If your child is in CGS, and you did not receive this message, please contact Children's Coordinator Sadie Bennett at sbennett@calvarysummit.org

The Music Corner: Stay Grounded in Faith

By Kevin Davis, Organist-Choirmaster

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise him—my father's God, and I will exalt him! Exodus 15:2

These are challenging times for all of us. Please remember to stay grounded in our faith and please be patient as we navigate a new concept of worship by way of live streaming and/or videoing a service with a minimum number of people participating. Music has always been a strong component of our worship and we will do everything we can to continue to provide uplifting music.

We were sad that the Seraph Brass concert, originally scheduled for March 14, needed to be canceled. We will be working with them to reschedule this event when it becomes feasible to do so.

We are observing our social responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and are not holding any rehearsals. This obviously has a huge impact on the music that we may present. We have discussed having a soloist from our section leaders participate and lead congregational canticles and hymns. However, having fewer people in the chancel is being more socially responsible. We will continue to consider having a soloist, however singers are free to choose not to take that risk.

Holy Week and Easter will be very different this year. Through Facebook, I have already been asked to do a piece that requires choir, brass and organ. I can say with confidence that Easter will not have brass this year as the NJSO had already canceled the brass before we were mandated to refrain from public worship. The choir will not participate due to lack of rehearsals and continued social distancing. At the very best we may have one or two soloists for Easter Day.

We will get through this together. Remember to ground yourselves in faith and to breathe deeply as a singer breathes!



Integrated Spirituality for Daily Living

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As you are no doubt acutely aware, the Coronavirus is a serious health threat. All of us are called upon to act responsibly and work together to contain the virus and preserve the common good.

On behalf of myself and our Board of Trustees, I want to assure you that Interweave is committed to being here to support you during this challenging and stressful time. I am so grateful to our teachers, partners and campuses for helping us to navigate this season of change as we work to serve you safely.

At Interweave, our concern is always for the wellness of each of you and the community as a whole. Many of our current classes are already converting to a virtual experience. In the coming weeks we will be transitioning to online platforms so we can be there to support your spiritual journey.

The mission of Interweave is nurture spirituality, wellness and the common good. Yet in recent years, wellness has somewhat taken a backseat in our work to support integrated spirituality and the common good. We would go to the gym, take a yoga class, take our vitamins and improve our diets. Wellness was somewhat taken for granted. Suddenly wellness is at the forefront.

In the face of the onset of the Coronavirus, how will we be well? I know you are receiving health updates about what to do to stay well, and as good global citizens I trust and implore you to follow the recommended health precautions.

Take care of yourself – You are precious! The world needs people like you: Interweavers who nurture the compassion and care that will be needed if we are to rise to what this moment will ask of us.

But how do we hold the anxiety that seems to be enveloping our world?

Psalm 46 beautifully reminds us that God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. That same prayer invites us to Be still and know that God is. Perhaps we can view this time of slowing down and increased seclusion as an invitation into that sacred stillness.

There is no easy way to move through this period of unprecedented change. In this time that will require us to practice social distancing, we can embrace our spiritual practices, our commitment to one another and the common good with new meaning and sense of purpose.

Interweave will stay “in touch” as we find new ways to offer you resources that will nourish your spiritual life and foster our spiritual community to help fight against a sense of isolation.

We are not alone. We remain spirituality connected.

Yours in the Spirit,
Janet Aulet Maulbeck

Calvary's Operating Summary
Two Months Ending February 29, 2020



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	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Revenue:			
Pledge Income	\$227,742	\$179,700	\$600,000
Open Offering	2,133	2,500	15,000
Payment of Prior Year Pledge	14,350	5,000	5,000
Other Income	21,518	19,580	113,000
Total Revenue	\$265,743	\$206,780	\$733,000
Expense:			
Administrative	\$10,059	\$11,181	\$66,284
Choir & Music	\$6,570	\$7,667	\$27,000
Christian Ed/Fellowship	\$1,783	\$1,833	\$11,000
Insurance	\$12,913	\$12,913	\$57,000
Payroll	\$88,962	\$90,091	\$483,991
Property Maintenance/Utilities	\$19,711	\$25,863	\$134,500
Diocesan Pledge	\$3,333	\$3,333	\$20,000
Outreach	\$500	\$833	\$6,800
Total Expense	\$143,831	\$153,714	\$806,575
Net Revenue over (Expenses)	\$121,912	\$53,066	(\$73,575)

2020 Pledges

Budget \$600,000

Pledged to Date \$585,000

Vestry

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