

# The Canticle

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.”*

## WELCOMING THE REV. DEACON CARRIE CABUSH Assistant Rector / Curate

Calvary Church is delighted to announce the call of the Rev. Deacon Carrie Cabush as Assistant Rector / Curate, working with youth and young adults. Deacon Cabush will be joining us on July 12 from Seattle, where she has been working as a mental health therapist for teens and adults.

Deacon Carrie previously served two Christ Churches, one in the University District of Seattle, where she helped build partnerships with local businesses; and one in Short Hills, where she served as Sunday School Coordinator.

Having majored in Psychology at Hamilton College, she then received an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Master’s in Social Work from Rutgers University.



Originally from Morristown, she was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons by Bishop Carlye Hughes on May 8. Deacon Carrie is looking forward to calling New Jersey home once again and being closer to her family (especially her nieces and nephews).

### Q&A

#### **When you are not working, where can we find you?**

Hiking, kayaking, reading a novel, playing board games, or learning how to cook the best homemade Indian food from my significant other. He has yet to rate anyone other than himself above a 7/10, but I am determined!

#### **Who is your role model?**

The Rev. Becca Stevens, founder of Thistle Farms in Nashville. I got the chance to work with her during the summer of 2016. She insisted she couldn’t talk about God without being out in nature, so we took a lot of midday walks in humid Tennessee heat. But, seriously, her vision for serving survivors of human trafficking is one of the most effective in the world. And it all started with some candles.

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**Name a moment that brings you joy.**

Sitting in a park watching a sunset. With plenty of snacks, of course.

**What are you most looking forward to as COVID restrictions lift?**

International travel and hugs! I'd love to visit Tanzania, Morocco, and Norway.

**Favorite book you've read this year?**

The Sparrow by Mary Doria Russell. Trust me.

**Favorite Bible story?**

The woman at the well. I love how Jesus accepts her exactly as she is. A close second is the story of Elijah fleeing into the wilderness, because even God knows sometimes we just need a nap and a snack.



## IN THE INTERIM: BREATHE

by Mother Melanie Barbarito, Interim Rector

Could you ever imagine that breathing would be on our minds as much as it has in the past 15 months? Patients with COVID struggled to breathe. We took care not to breathe near those not in our COVID pod. To relieve our anxiety, we were advised to breathe deeply, slowly in and out. Now finally things are opening up more than they have for months. Vaccinations have allowed us to breathe mask-free outdoors around people we don't know. Emotionally we are breathing easier, too.



The Hebrew word for breath is *ruah*. It is also the word used for spirit as in the Spirit of God. Many years ago, I asked my rector why so many Episcopal churches have red doors. The rector explained that red is the color of the Holy Spirit, and our red doors are a welcome to all to enter and honor the Holy Spirit of God. The red doors of Calvary Episcopal Church are open once again. We are back in the church celebrating Holy Eucharist. True, we are keeping our distance and wearing masks—that only makes sense. But we are singing, receiving communion, and welcoming the Holy Spirit into our lives in a direct and meaningful way.

Pandemic restrictions have eased and you may now be enjoying visiting your favorite restaurants and places of recreation that have been closed to you. Certainly, those feed your body and your mind and even your spirit. On Sundays at Calvary, you can feed your soul. If you have been coming to church, it has been a joy to see you. If you haven't been coming, why not? There are certainly other places where you can breathe in the holy *ruah*—the Holy Spirit. But in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist it is not only promised by our Lord Jesus Christ, it is guaranteed. The red doors are beckoning.

Mother Melanie can be reached at (908) 277-1814, ext. 2, or [mbarbarito@calvarysummit.org](mailto:mbarbarito@calvarysummit.org). You can also find her cell phone number by logging into the Breeze membership portal: [calvarysummit.breezechms.com](http://calvarysummit.breezechms.com)

## Calvary Services

A reminder that services of Holy Eucharist are back in-person at Calvary, at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sundays.

For those who cannot make it, or do not feel safe attending, you can continue to participate online via our YouTube channel at 10:00 am. Visit [www.calvarysummit.org](http://www.calvarysummit.org) for a link to the YouTube channel, or check your emails.



## BUY A PIECE OF THE NEW TRUCK!

For many years, the Calvary truck has hauled and plowed. It has transported our greens and plants for Christmas and Easter, picked up beds and supplies for Family Promise, brought mulch in the summer. The truck has carried clothes and donations for those in need, gifts of furniture for the church, food and drink for coffee hours. Countless recycling and garbage trips have been made.

The truck has done all this and more, for the community of Calvary Church.

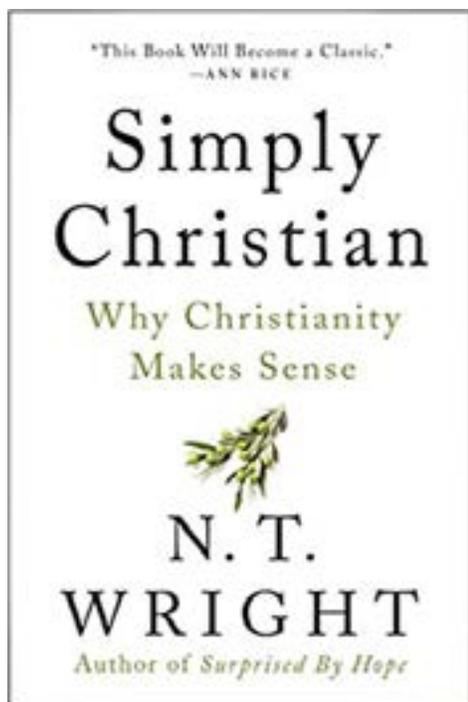
Now, this faithful old vehicle is irreparably out of commission and must be replaced. In a new fund-raising drive, we are giving parishioners the opportunity to buy a piece of the new truck!

Visit [www.calvarysummit.org/truck](http://www.calvarysummit.org/truck) for more information.

## AVAILABLE NOW: CALVARY LONG-SLEEVED T-SHIRTS



Available for sale NOW: Calvary T-shirts in all sizes. \$30 each.  
Visit [www.calvarysummit.org/shirts](http://www.calvarysummit.org/shirts) to order.



### Reading With the Rector: SIMPLY CHRISTIAN

Tuesdays, 12 noon – 1:00 pm

The Tuesday noon book group will discuss N.T. Wright's *Simply Christian* in June. Newcomers welcome!

From the back cover: "Why is justice fair? Why are so many people pursuing spirituality? Why do we crave relationship? And why is beauty so beautiful? N. T. Wright argues that each of these questions takes us into the mystery of who God is and what he wants from us."

The book can be purchased from Amazon or wherever you buy books.

Check your emails for the Zoom log-in information, or contact the office.



## CHILDREN'S BUSY BAGS

The children of Calvary are certainly enjoying the Busy Bags available for them at Sunday services. This keeps their hands busy and, surprisingly, their minds still open to hearing what is going on around them.

You never know what will come out of the Children of Calvary Good News box. Every week a child takes home the box to return it the next Sunday with an item they've put in it.

During the children's homily, Mother Melanie has to connect what's in the box with something about the day's service.

### Get Involved!

Sewers are needed to make these small bags filled with items to keep small hands busy during worship. The finished bags should be around 6" x 6" finished with a cloth or ribbon handle. They must be washable in a washing machine.

So grab that leftover material from your mask-making or other projects and sew up a bunch of Busy Bags for our young worshipers. They do not need to be perfect.

Now that the Parish Office has this ministry started, volunteers are needed to carry on the process of ordering the items and filling the busy bags. If you can help with either sewing or stuffing, please contact Mother Melanie at (908) 277-1814, ext. 2, or [mbarbarito@calvarysummit.org](mailto:mbarbarito@calvarysummit.org).



## THE MUSIC CORNER

by Warren Loy, Worship & Music Chair

It has been such a pleasure to have Dr. Bill Entriken share his musical gifts with us through May. We will continue to have temporary organists fill in as we look to complete our search for a new Organist & Choirmaster. After reviewing a number of candidates for that position, we are in advanced conversations with a very qualified individual, and we hope to have exciting news to share in the next Canticle.

In line with the new CDC guidelines, we are very excited to invite all parishioners to once again lift their voices in song and join in singing the hymns every Sunday.

The bell choir has resumed regular (masked) rehearsals every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the choir room, and we'd love to add more ringers to the group. Anyone interested in joining is welcome. Reading music is helpful, but no prior experience in ringing bells is required. If you are interested in participating, please give a "ring" to the parish office or reach out to DeeDee Allen at [emmalein@juno.com](mailto:emmalein@juno.com).

## A WORD FROM THE VESTRY

by Laura Dudebout on behalf of the Vestry



I feel like I have been holding my breath for the past 14 months. There have been so many questions and I'm constantly worrying. When will my entire family be able to be vaccinated? When can we travel internationally and see family? When will my kids resume sports and school without the constant looming fear of quarantines and illness? When can my family safely return to church?

We still don't have all the answers to these questions, but I am finally starting to take some deep breaths. For the first time since March 2020, I took all three of my children to church on Sunday, May 16. I was worried because I knew it wasn't the 9:00 am family service we were used to attending pre-pandemic. How was my 3-year-old going to handle a service when she doesn't even remember church? Is the service going to be too long and I'm in for a long whine session? I shouldn't be surprised, but the kids adapted just fine and had fun. For parents of young kids, the Busy Bags are amazing! They were packed full of fun little toys that all three kids loved. I had totally forgotten the power of a slinky! Mother Melanie also drew them in with her short children's sermon and surprise box. My son has the box this week and he is so excited to hide something in the box so Mother Melanie has to connect it to her sermon next week.

So, before the official kickoff of summer and many of us go our separate ways for a few months, please join us for in-person worship if you feel comfortable. It feels great to reconnect with others in-person and Calvary is still taking every precaution with masks, social distancing, temperature checks and disinfecting. I hope to see you there!

### April 20, 2021

For me, the opportunity to take a breath extends beyond the progress we have made against COVID-19. During our April vestry meeting, I finally took a deep breath about the future of Calvary Church. There was so much exciting news.

During the meeting it was announced that Mother Melanie had officially offered the position of Assistant Rector to Carrie Cabush\* and she accepted. Her main focus will be on middle and high schoolers as well as young adults. The vestry had received her resume and several members had the opportunity to participate in the interview process. The vestry is excited to fill this important role with such a strong candidate. We look forward to welcoming Carrie to campus in July.

We also received positive news that Mother Melanie has created an ad hoc committee to search for a new organist. There was already a promising lead at the time of the meeting and further progress has been made since.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or would like a copy of our vestry meeting minutes, please ask Mother Melanie or our Wardens, Bebe Lee and Susan Favate.

*\*Read more about Carrie in this month's cover story.*

*\*Note: our Canticle vestry update cadence lags by a month due to the approval process for vestry meeting minutes and The Canticle's publication deadline. If you are interested in "real time" information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mother Melanie, our Wardens or any member of the vestry.*

KIDS' CORNER

For Children 7+



Sometimes we must choose between pleasing people or pleasing God.

Solve each math problem. Write the word on the line that matches the solution.

|               |                |                |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| are..... 22   | mortals..... 7 | to..... 33     |
| but..... 37   | not..... 45    | trying..... 12 |
| God..... 2    | our..... 6     | We..... 20     |
| hearts..... 8 | please..... 19 | who..... 11    |
|               | casts..... 5   |                |

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| $16 + 4$ | $33 - 11$ | $36 + 9$ | $48 - 36$ | $29 + 4$ |
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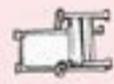
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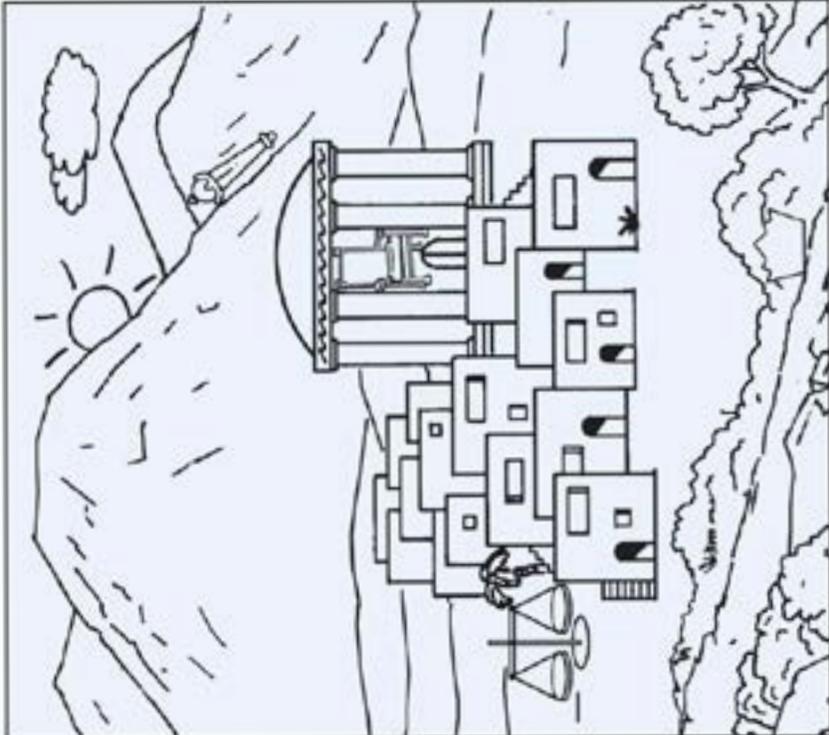
For Children 3+

“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of Your kingdom.”

Find and **circle** these items in the picture.





Thank you to all who attended Calvary's Spring Planting Day on May 22, in memory of Lillian Cochran.



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**Calvary's Operating Summary  
Four Months Ending April 30, 2021**

|                                | <b>YTD Actual</b> | <b>YTD Budget</b> | <b>Annual Budget</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Revenue:</b>                |                   |                   |                      |
| Pledge Income                  | \$220,496         | \$186,957         | \$391,000            |
| Open Offering                  | 722               | 3,333             | 10,000               |
| Payment of Prior Year Pledge   | 41,780            | 23,500            | 23,500               |
| Other Income                   | 98,109            | 19,642            | 78,000               |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>           | <b>\$361,107</b>  | <b>\$233,432</b>  | <b>\$502,500</b>     |
| <b>Expense:</b>                |                   |                   |                      |
| Administrative                 | \$19,245          | \$23,444          | \$57,500             |
| Choir & Music                  | \$1,304           | \$18,870          | \$46,635             |
| Christian Ed/Fellowship        | \$266             | \$2,667           | \$8,000              |
| Insurance                      | \$15,605          | \$15,800          | \$56,000             |
| Payroll                        | \$123,233         | \$133,820         | \$434,543            |
| Property Maintenance/Utilities | \$37,889          | \$43,524          | \$113,200            |
| Diocesan Pledge                | \$10,000          | \$10,000          | \$30,000             |
| Outreach                       | \$0               | \$5,600           | \$14,820             |
| <b>Total Expense</b>           | <b>\$207,542</b>  | <b>\$253,724</b>  | <b>\$760,698</b>     |
| Net Revenue over (Expenses)    | \$153,565         | (\$20,291)        | (\$258,198)          |

**Vestry**

- Bebe Lee, *Senior Warden*
- Susan Favate, *Premises Warden*
- Tom Barr, *Treasurer*
- Charlie Rall, *Assistant Treasurer*
- Caroline Lindabury, *Clerk*
- Kevin Schmidt, *Finance*
- DeeDee Allen, Nancy Babbitt,
- Laura Dudebout, Nancy Imbalzano,
- Todd Fairbairn, Julie Jones,
- Warren Loy, James Nelson,
- Leonard Prentice, Kevin Schmidt.

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