



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

where all are healed, transformed and empowered to serve
God.

**RECTOR'S
LETTER**

**THIS WEEK'S
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EVENTS**

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Kindness

Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.
What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness.
How you ride and ride
thinking the bus will never stop,
the passengers eating maize and chicken
will stare out the window forever.

Before you learn the tender gravity of kindness
you must travel where the Indian in a white poncho
lies dead by the side of the road.
You must see how this could be you,
how he too was someone

who journeyed through the night with plans
and the simple breath that kept him alive.

Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside,
you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing.

You must wake up with sorrow.

You must speak to it till your voice
catches the thread of all sorrows
and you see the size of the cloth.

Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore,
only kindness that ties your shoes

and sends you out into the day to gaze at bread,
only kindness that raises its head
from the crowd of the world to say

It is I you have been looking for,
and then goes with you everywhere
like a shadow or a friend.

By Naomi Shihab Nye

Dear Friends:

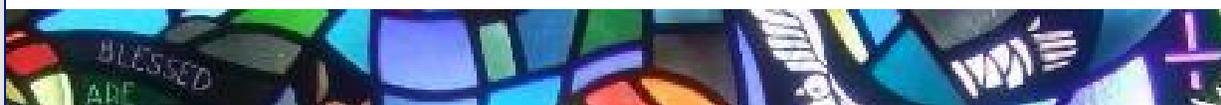
I first heard this poem four years ago in the midst of my second trip to Haiti. It touched me to my very core and as we begin to learn more and more about the extent of the human damage in Texas due to Hurricane Harvey, I remembered it. We learn about human tragedy every day - around the world there are plenty of fires, floods, terrorism, war - enough to go around and then some - events that tug at our heart strings and energize our response of prayer and money and time, or at the very least, a thought flung out into the Divine ear asking God to show compassion. But this Hurricane - this event is happening to people we know, in real time, and like all human crises, could have happened to any one of us. Kindness, compassion is the first response. Compassion is really about understanding that your story could be my story, and my story could be yours. It is about putting ourselves in the skin, not just the shoes, of another and connecting at the deepest level of human love. There are a number of ways that we can give of our treasure to help the thousands of people affected in Texas and Louisiana. I support giving to Episcopal Relief and Development. This group is our Episcopal arm for relief and development work in many countries around the world, including our own. They work through partnerships already on the ground,, and all of the monies they receive go to relief efforts. You can go to the website: www.episcopalrelief.org, and see a button to push to immediately give for Hurricane Harvey relief. I have learned from our friends at the Bishop's Office here in Minnesota that they will be organizing volunteers from Minnesota to travel to Texas over time when the Texas and Louisiana Bishops let us know what is needed. During Hurricane Katrina, some of you might have been part of the organized Episcopal volunteer effort, and I'm sure the same organization will happen in this case.

In other news, I hope that I will see many of you on Thursday, September 7 so that we can celebrate together as Bishop Prior comes to formalize our relationship of new ministry. It will be a joyous, festive service. Finally, have your children bring their filled backpacks to church this Sunday so that we can bless them as they start a new school year, and bring your own symbols of work to join in "The Blessing of Backpacks and Briefcases".

A blessed Labor Day weekend to you. Safe travels for those giving summer travel one more fling.

in faith,

Beth+



this MONTH'S EVENTS

ADULT FORUM KICK-OFF

Adult Forums & Great Conversations return for another season on Sunday, Sept. 24. Join us for the kick-off at 10 am in Crawford Hall where we will hear about this year's theme "The Beloved Community."



BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS & BRIEFCASES

During both services on Sunday, Sept 3 we will be blessing children's backpacks as they prepare to return to school, and also bless symbols of our work - bring your backpack, smart phone, stethoscope, knitting needs, car keys, laptop, etc. In addition, we will be collecting school supplies to benefit children in Rochester schools. A collection basket will be available for notebooks, pens, pencils, etc.

CALVARY KIDS KICK-OFF

On Sunday, Sept. 24 at 11:30 am in Crawford Hall Calvary Kids will kick-off their

2017-18 year of giving! Calvary Kids is a service-based youth group for preschool, elementary and middle school students who have an interest in making a difference. Feel free to invite neighbors and friends, too. The more kids we have, the bigger impact we can make!

CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

At 7:00 pm on Thurs, September 7, everyone at Calvary is invited to the Liturgy of Celebration of New Ministry, as we "formalize" the new mutual ministry between the congregation of Calvary and the Reverend Beth Royalty. This powerful liturgy will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Prior. A reception will follow the service. Nursery is provided but all ages are welcome for this service.



CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN AGAIN



Did you know that Calvary has choirs for every age? Did you also know that they lead worship every Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 (10:00 in summer) as well as at special services throughout the year? Newcomers are always welcome in all of Calvary's choirs.

- Motet Choir, for adults and youth (Wednesdays at 7:15 pm)
- Canterbury Choir, for grades 7 - 12 (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays at 8:15 am)
- St. Cecilia Choir, for grades 2 - 6 (4:30 pm on Thursdays)
- St. Nicholas Choir, for pre-K through grade 1 (5 pm on Thursdays)

CLOSURES

On Monday, Sept. 4 we will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday. There will be no Healing Service that day.

HOLY CROSS SERVICES & ALL-PARISH PICNIC

Holy Cross services will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 8 & 10 am. Brass music will be played at the 10 am service only. Immediately following the services there will be the all-parish picnic in the Oasis Courtyard.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A new pictorial directory is coming to Calvary Church. The directory will be produced as a printed booklet or through an app on your phone which can be accessed by church members only through their own password. Photos will be taken in the church library on the September Sundays after Labor Day - Sept 10, 17 and 24. On Sept 10, sessions will begin following the 8:00 a.m. service and continue until all interested parties are completed. Then sessions will resume again following the 10:00 a.m. service. On Sept. 17 and 24, photos will be after the 8 and 9 am services. Hopefully, the 11 a.m. congregants can come before the service begins. If there are questions or comments on this project please see, call or Email Arleeta Messick.



REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE & SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUME

On Sunday, Sept. 17 we revert back to our regular worship times on Sundays. Holy Eucharist, I will be held at 8 am and Holy Eucharist, II will be at 9 & 11 am. In between services Sunday school for preK-12th grade will be offered at 10 am in the lower level classrooms. To register click this link: [SUNDAY SCHOOL](#) or grab a paper copy off of the Faith Formation bulletin board. The Sunday school Ice Cream Social will immediately follow in Brackenridge Hall.

ST. MARGARET'S ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Our Altar Guild will hold it's annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 11 am to 1 pm. They begin with a Eucharist service including installation of new members followed by a brief meeting and lunch. This meeting is open to all. If you've been intrigued by what the Altar Guild does now's your chance to learn more!

YOGA & CENTERING PRAYER

Yoga & Centering Prayer begins again on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Crawford Hall. Certified Yoga Instructor (and parishioner) Leana Medina-Beltz leads this one hour class every Tuesday throughout the program year. No experience necessary to join this contemplative & rejuvenating practice.



WORSHIP SERVICES

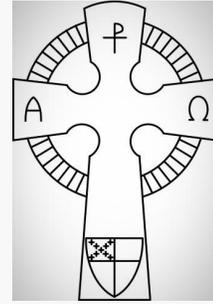
Summer Sundays

Holy Eucharist, I at 8 am

Holy Eucharist, II at 10 am

Mondays

Healing Service & Holy Eucharist at 5:15 pm



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