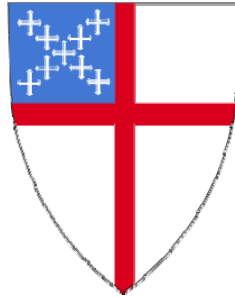


ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CREST

The crest of the Episcopal Church was designed as a reminder of the Church's English and Scottish Heritage.

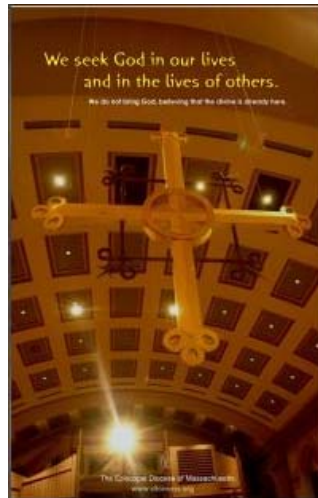
The St. George cross represents the descent from the Church of England. The St. Andrew's cross, in outline in the upper left, is a reminder that the first American bishop was consecrated by the Scottish Episcopal Church. The nine crosslets, which form the St. Andrew's cross, represent the original dioceses, which in 1789 formed the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.



ABOUT THE EUCHARIST AT CALVARY

Calvary is proud to offer a table open to all. If you receive communion in your church, you are welcome to take communion with us. If you prefer, you may also come to the altar simply to receive a special blessing.

To receive communion, when the usher comes to your pew, proceed to the altar rail and kneel. Hold out your hands, left hand over right, to receive the Host. Hold the wafer to dip in the Chalice, or consume the wafer and take a sip from the Chalice. If you prefer not to receive the Chalice, you may cross your wrists and place them on your chest.



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The EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Episcopal Church is the American branch of the Anglican Communion, rooted in the Church of England, whose spiritual head is the Archbishop of Canterbury. The ministry is composed of three orders: deacons, priests, and bishops.

The system of organization includes the parish, the diocese, the province, and the General Convention. The General Convention, the highest ecclesiastical authority in the church, consists of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies and meets in session every three years.

The ecclesiastical head of the Episcopal Church is the presiding bishop, elected by the General Convention. The National Council, set up in 1919, is delegated by the General Convention to administer all the organized missionary, educational, and social work.

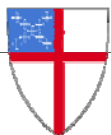
The Anglican Communion has some 80 million members worldwide and stands as the second largest Christian body in the world. Although these churches are autonomous in their governance, they are bound together by tradition, Scripture, and the traditions they garnered from the Church of England.

The Episcopal Church evolved as an independent denomination after the American Revolution. In the United States, its membership is 2.5 million members and falls under the jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold.

Bishops in the American Episcopal Church are elected by individual dioceses and are consecrated into the Apostolic Succession, considered to witness to an unbroken line of Church leadership beginning with the Apostles themselves.

For more than two decades, the American Episcopal Church has ordained women to the priesthood and, in 1988, the Diocese of Massachusetts elected the first Anglican woman bishop, Barbara Harris.

The Episcopal Church uses the Book of Common Prayer as the centerpiece of public worship, subscribes to the historic Creeds (the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed), considers the Bible to be divinely inspired, holds the Holy Eucharist to be the central act of Christian worship and grants broad freedom in the interpretation of doctrine.



ABOUT CALVARY

The first bell rang out on Advent Sunday in 1860. The original church had pews and furniture of black walnut and was carpeted throughout.



Calvary Episcopal Church, Danvers, 1858 (left) and 1958

By the 1940s, Danvers and Calvary Church grew so rapidly that the present parish hall with chapel, meeting rooms and classrooms was built. Members of the church raised funds by holding suppers, fairs, and musical productions.

In the early 1960s, the population of Danvers increased and again Calvary felt the need for a new sanctuary. In 1962 Calvary embarked on a fund-raising campaign for the new church. Construction began in October 1964, and the first service was held in September 1965.

Throughout Calvary Episcopal Church's history, members and rectors have made it a great place of worship.

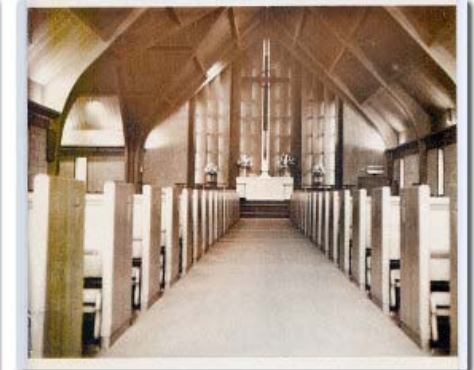


Photo left, Church altar from Brief History with Centennial Programs, 1858-1958 "prepared by Miss Sarah M. Putnam who was greatly assisted by the use of Miss Harriet S. Tapley's notes in addition to various church records." Photo above from Calvary Church Directory (1977 - 1978)

