



CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18th, 2022

10:30 am

We welcome ALL:
People of Color
LGBTQIA+
Partnered and Single
Differently Abled
Families and Children
Young and Old
Our Homeless Neighbors
The Alcoholic and Addicted
Believers and Those Questioning Faith
Anyone Who Desires a Spiritual Home.

Calvary's welcome extends to all. But more importantly—
God welcomes you for exactly who you are.

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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

Magnificat

J.Rheinberger

INTROIT

I look from afar

G. P. DA PALESTRINA

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI VENI EMMANUEL

SALUTATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

KYRIE S-96

Setting, Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH *Please be seated*

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

tone: VENI EMMANUEL

- 1 Hear O Shepherd of Israel, ... leading Joseph [like] a flock;*
shine forth you that are enthroned up-[on] the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, ... Benjamin [and] Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and [come] to help us.
- 3 Restore us O [God] of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, ... and [we shall] be saved.

Antiphon

- 4 O LORD [God] of hosts,*
how long will you be angered despite the [prayers of] your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the [bread] of tears;*
you have given them bowls of [tears] to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision [of] our neighbors,*
and our enemies [laugh us] to scorn.
- 7 Restore us O [God] of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, ... and [we shall] be saved.

Antiphon

- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of [your] right hand,*
the son of man you have made so [strong for] yourself.
- 17 And so will we never [turn] away from you;*
give us life that we may call up-[on] your name.
- 18 Restore us O LORD [God] of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, ... and [we shall] be saved.

Antiphon

A READING FROM ROMANS

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
 People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

BCP 358

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please stand or kneel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form II *The Leader prays*

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael, Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Ben, Joan, Larry, Tessa, Lynne, Sandy, Caleb, Tim, Rusty, Lovell, Bruce, Teresa, Marsha, and Ramon.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor...

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant continues

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

THE PEACE *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

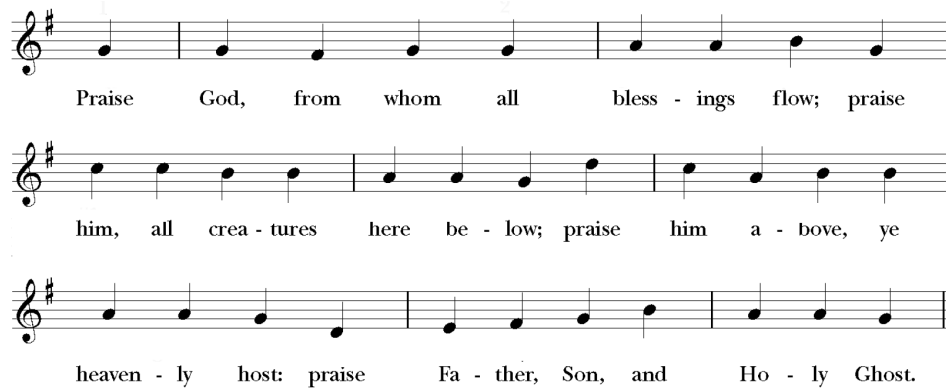
MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

There is no rose of such virtue

ROBERT H. YOUNG

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 43, Verse 4 *Please stand*

THE EIGHTH TUNE



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Please remain standing*

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



*The people stand or kneel.
Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-164

Setting, Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

A hymn to the virgin

BENJAMIN BRITTEN

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 66

Come thou long expected Jesus

STUTT GART

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Magnificat

J.S. BACH

We welcome back to the bench today Margaret Dickinson, Organist Emerita

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS An Advent Event will take place at Calvary today, December 18th at 4:00pm. The long-awaited Lessons and Carols will include six lessons, carols, and anthems by Ives, Britten, Dyevo, Lloyd, and Palestrina. The Nursery will be open from 3:00-5:00pm for childcare. You won't want to miss it!

2022 PLEDGE REMINDER Please remember to complete payment on your 2022 pledge in order to receive tax credit for this year.

SAVE THE DATE The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on January 22, 2023 immediately following the service in Frazier Hall. Please plan on being a part of this very important day. We will discuss the 2023 budget and elect new vestry members. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry please see Meg Scharre or Mary Redden. Please send all reports to Office@calvaryepiscopal.org.

CHILI LUNCHEON The Calvary Welcome Committee is sponsoring a chili luncheon on January 15th after the 10:30 service. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend! We will be posting flyers inviting our weekly clients to come for a hot meal and meet those of us they don't see during the week. We are looking for at least 8 volunteers to bring a crockpot of their favorite chili to share. If you can help with set up, clean up, donating condiments/crackers, or making chili, please contact Derek Ingram (derekinghram@gmail.com) or Mary Redden (mary@parts123.com).

POINSETTIAS AND CHRISTMAS GREENERY If you would like to donate a poinsettia or money for Christmas greenery for the church, please complete the form in the email Blast and mail to Calvary with cash or check. Forms are also available in the back of the sanctuary and may be returned in the collection plate during the service.

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY SERVICES Christmas Eve Service will be at 4:00pm on December 24th, with the Nursery open from 3:00-5:00pm, and the Christmas Day Service will be at 10:30am on December 25th.

SUNDAY FORUM Join us at 9:15am on Sundays for discussions on the Scripture from each week's assigned lectionary readings.

CHECK YOUR EMAILS

Please be sure to check the weekly emails from Calvary.
This is the best place for up-to-date information about activities at Calvary Church.

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