

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24th, 2023 10:30 am

We welcome ALL: People of Color LGBTQIA+ Drag Queens Partnered and Single Differently Abled Families and Children Young and Old Our Unhoused Neighbors The Alcoholic and Addict 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

MATIN RESPONSORY	I Look from Afar	G.P. DA PALESTRINA			
I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Art thou he that should come to rule thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another: go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep: art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength and come to rule thy people Israel.					
Please stand PROCESSIONAL HYMN 265	The angel Gabriel from heaven came	GABRIEL'S MESSAGE			
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

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*.

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Thanks be to God.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Please remain standing Colobrant The I ord be with you.

Celebrant	The Lord be with y
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 SECOND SAMUEL Please be seated

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

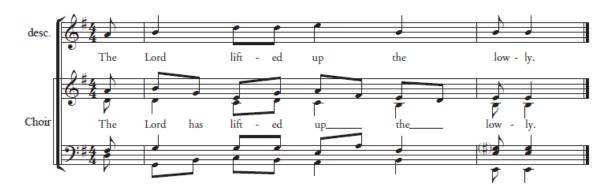
The Word of the Lord. Lector People



II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

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#### CANTICLE 15



tone: VENI EMMANUEL



My soul proclaims the greatness [of] the Lord;\* my spirit rejoices in [God] my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on his [low]-ly servant.\*

From this day all generations will [call] me blest;

The Almighty has [done] great things for me,\*

and holy [is] his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every [gen]-eration.\*

He has shown the strength of his arm; ...

he has scattered the proud in [their] conceit.

#### Antiphon

He has cast down the mighty [from] their thrones,\* and has [lifted up] the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with [good] things,\*

and the rich he has [sent a]-way empty. He has come to the help of his [ser]-vant Israel,\*

for he has remembered his [promise] of mercy,

the promise he [made to] our fathers,\*

to Abraham and his [children] forever.

Antiphon

#### A READING FROM ROMANS

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Please stand

Romans 16:25-27

#### **SEQUENCE HYMN 56**

O come, o come Emmanuel

Luke 1:26-38

#### THE GOSPEL

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to LukePeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

## THE SERMON Please be seated

THE NICENE CREED Please stand 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 Pilat he suffered death and was buried.

Please stand or kneel PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form II The Leader prays The Very Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

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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
worshipped 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. <i>Amen.</i>

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 Sandra, Beth, Thomas, Patty, Anna, Will, Moe, Maggie, Bob, and Rusty. *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* 

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The Celebrant will add a concluding collect...

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS Please be seated

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Softly a light is stealing, Sweetly a maiden sings, Ever wakeful, ever wistful, Watching faithfuly, thankfully, Tenderly her King of kings.

My soul doth magnify, Doth magnify the Lord: And my spirit hath rejoiced, Rejoiced in God my Saviour. Mary her song to Jesus Softly serenely sings: "I will love you, I will serve you, May my lullaby glorify, Magnify my King of kings".

Lullaby, lullaby.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380, Verse 3 Please stand

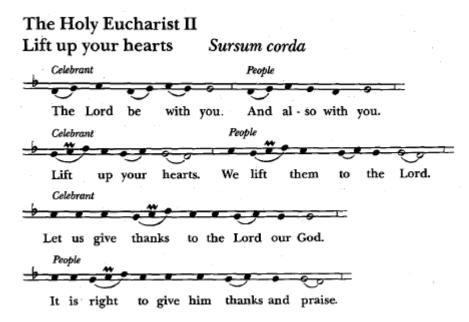


## INVITATION TO COMMUNION Please remain standing

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.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



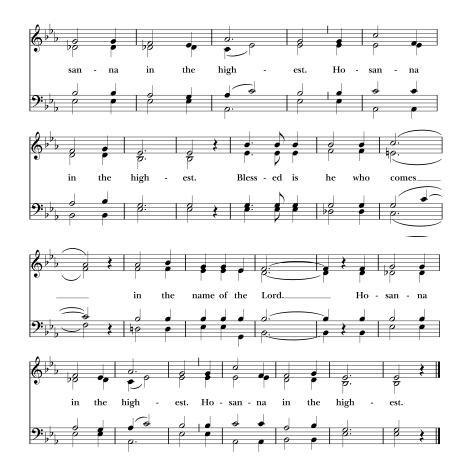
*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-130 Please stand or kneel

Setting, Franz Schubert





#### 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

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

of God: Je - sus, Lamb have mer су on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have cy us. mer on the Je - sus. re - deem - er, re - deem er of world: your us give us your peace, give peace.

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Setting, Franz Schubert

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THE COMMU	UNION			
COMMUNIO	N ANTHEM	Ave Maria	DAVID CONTE	
		Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.		
COMMUNIO	N HYMN 66	Come thou long expected Jesus	STUTTGART	
COMMUNION HYMN 66Come thow long expected JesusSTUTTGARTPlease stand or kneelBCP 366POST COMMUNION PRAYERBCP 366Almighty 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.StuttGART				
THE BLESSI	NG			
RECESSION	AL HYMN 437	Tell out my soul	BIRMINGHAM	
DISMISSAL				
Celebrant <i>People</i>	Go in peace to love <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	and serve the Lord.		
POSTLUDE				

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**4 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** After our regular service this morning we will have a Soup and Salad lunch. Those who are able are asked to stay and help the Altar Guild decorate the Church for Christmas Eve. Again, this year we are having our Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. This year we will once again include a pageant in this service. The Cathedral will have a later service beginning at 10:00p.m. (with a prelude beginning at 9:30) for those who prefer a later service.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** The Calvary Office will be closed Monday-Wednesday, December 25th-27th, and January 1st.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WITH VESTRY ELECTIONS** On January 14th immediately following the service we will have our Annual Parish Meeting and elect 4 new members of the Vestry. If you feel called to run for Vestry for the three-year term beginning in 2024, please see Beverly Haverstock, Burnell Esbenshade, Will Cary, James Moody, or Pattie Davidson. These are our outgoing vestry members who make up the nominating committee. When you see them please thank them for their wonderful service and care for Calvary.

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