

CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30th, 2025
10:30 am

We welcome ALL:
People of Color
Immigrants
LGBTQ+
Drag Queens
Partnered and Single
Differently Abled
Families and Children
Young and Old
Our Unhoused 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

CHORAL INTROIT

Drop Down, Ye Heavens, From Above

J. WEIR

Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; my salvation shall not tarry.

I have blotted out as a thick cloud, thy transgressions:

Fear not, for I will save thee; For I am the Lord thy God, the holy one of Israel,
thy redeemer.

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 57

Lo, he comes with clouds ascending

HELMSLEY

SALUTATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's 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: FR. DEUTSCHE MESSE; F. P. SCHUBERT

Available in 4-part harmony in the Hymnal 1982

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

BCP 236

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE WORD THAT ISAIAH SON OF AMOZ SAW CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

TUNE: VENI EMMANUEL



- 1 I was glad when they [said] to me,*
"Let us go to the [house of] the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing within your [gates O] Jerusalem.*
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity [with] itself;
- 4 to which the tribes go up, ... the [tribes of] the LORD,*
the assembly of Israel, ... to praise the [name of] the LORD.
- 5 For there are the [thrones] of judgment,*
the thrones of the [house] of David.

Antiphon

- 6 Pray for the [peace of] Jerusalem:*
"May they [prosper] who love you.
- 7 Peace be with-[in] your walls*
and quietness with-[in] your towers.
- 8 For my brethren [and] companions' sake,*
I pray for [your] prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the [LORD] our God,*
I will seek to [do] you good."

Antiphon

YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 640

Watchman, tell us of the night

ABERYSTWYTH

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

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

JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The. Rev. Emily Schwartz Crouch

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.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our Calvary prayer list; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

The Celebrant continues.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.*

Those for whom our prayers have been requested: Sandra, Terry, Glen, Bruce, Wilma, Kyle, Nick, Caleb, Shelby, Sandy, Phillip, Ruth and family, John, Ben, John, Michael, Greg, Eva, Bob, and Rusty.

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

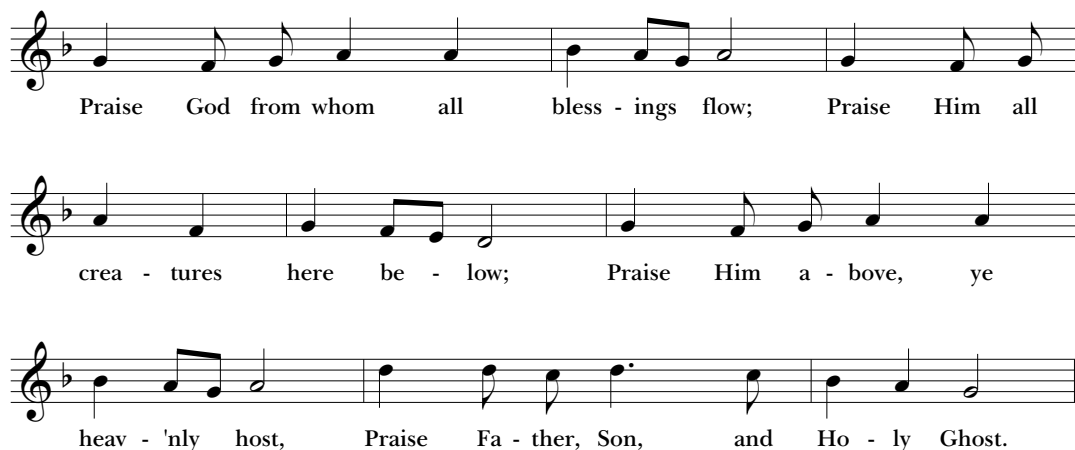
And the Glory of the Lord

G. F. HANDEL

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand*

A LA VENUE DE NOËL



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye
heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

SETTING: FR. DEUTSCHE MESSE; F. P. SCHUBERT

Available in 4-part harmony in the Hymnal 1982

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

The people stand or kneel
Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

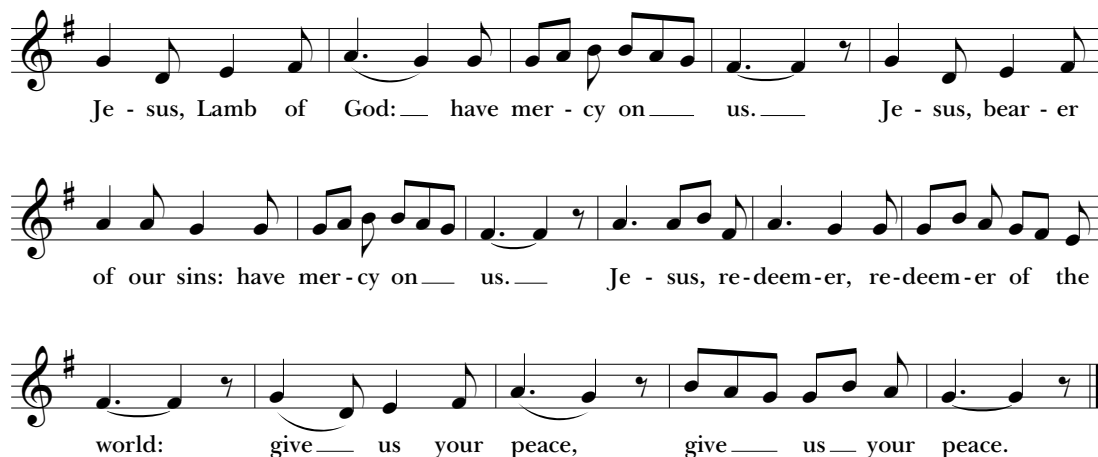
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Available in 4-part harmony in the Hymnal 1982

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

A tender shoot

O. GOLDSCHMIDT

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight,
it blooms in the cold bleak winter,
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us,
from Jesse's root should spring;
The virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

COMMUNION HYMN 53

Once he came in blessing

GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

LLANGLOFFAN

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Poinsettias and Greenery If you would like to contribute toward Christmas greenery and poinsettias, please use the attached link/form. You may make your contribution in memory or in honor of family or friends, in thanksgiving, or simply to the glory of God. Please consider a donation of \$35 or more, payable to Calvary Episcopal Church. The deadline to include your donation in the Christmas bulletin is December 18th.

Updates from the Senior Warden The Vestry will begin discerning with Interim candidates in the near future for a targeted Interim start date in early 2026. In the meantime, Sunday services of Holy Eucharist will continue with supply Clergy. This Sunday, we welcome back The Rev. Emily Crouch, who will lead our Eucharistic service.

Advent Bible Study Breaking open God's splendid love letter (called the Bible) will continue at Calvary for the remaining Sundays during Advent. All are welcome as we gather to reflect and discuss the Gospel readings for Advent found in the lectionary in the BCP. We meet in the Rector's office from 9:30-10:15 with Robert Dever leading.

Food Pantry Update This week began with 70 turkeys (with trimmings) flying out the door with minimum fuss and much Thanksgiving! Barbara and Randy and Lisa handled the extra confusion with graceful efficiency as 166 clients received 332 bags serving a whopping 412 people! (421 record)! And we had (past tense!) abundant supplies ably handled by Tom, Abby, Mary, Lindsey, Emily, Elise, Kathleen, and Penny. Although the volume has lessened, we continue to receive food and cash as our door continues to revolve. Between the 258 CLCM Friday giveaway spectacular and our Turkey 70 production on Monday, we figure that our efforts should ensure that at least 656 of our neighbors will eat well this Thanksgiving! Thanks be to all!

TODAY WE WELCOME
The Rev. Emily Schwartz Crouch

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