

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11th, 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 Lo, How a Rose J. Brahms

INTROIT I look from afar G. P. DA PALESTRINA

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 76 On Jordan's bank WINCHESTER NEW

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



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH Please be seated

Isaiah 35:1-10

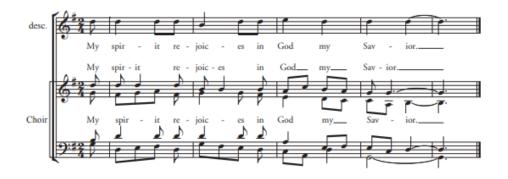
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





- 47 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.
- 50 He has mercy on [those] who fear him* in every [gen]-eration.

Antiphon

- He has shown the [strength of] his arm;* he has scattered the proud in [their] conceit.
- He has cast down the mighty [from] their thrones,* and has lifted [up] the lowly.
- 59 He has filled the hungry [with] good things,* and the rich he has [sent a]-way empty.
- 54 He has come to the help of his [ser]-vant Israel,* for he has remembered his [promise] of mercy,
- 55 the promise he [made to] our fathers,* to Abraham and his [children] forever.

Antiphon

A READING FROM JAMES

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 440

Blessed Jesus at thy word

LEIBSTER JESU

THE GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Please be seated

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

BCP 358

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 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 Lynne, Sandy, Caleb, Tim, Larry, Dean, Trinity, Margo, John, Maddy, Art, 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

We pray for all those affected by the devastating tornadoes of December 10-11, 2021. We pray especially for those who died and all who loved them, for the injured and traumatized, and for those who lost their homes and livelihoods. We give thanks for first responders, for the steadfast leadership of our congregations in the affected areas, and for all those engaged in the ongoing work of recovery across western Kentucky who continue to provide relief for the profound losses experienced by so many. *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

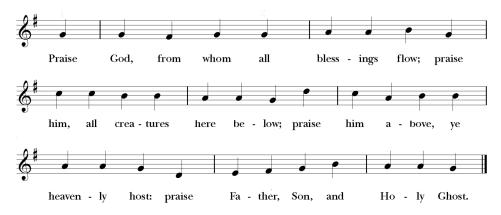
MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

My soul doth magnify the Lord

JOHN RUTTER

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 43, Verse 4 Please stand

THE EIGHTH TUNE



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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.

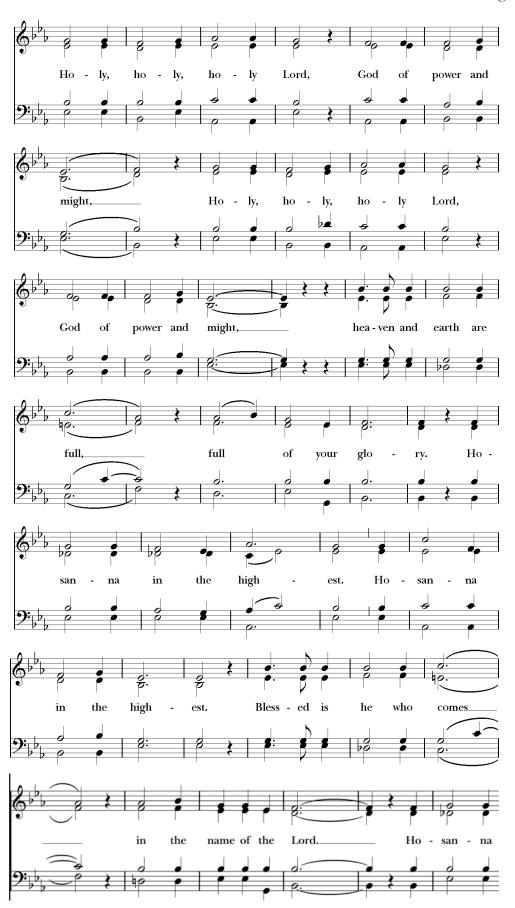
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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:





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



THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

This is the record of John

GRAYSTON IVES

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 437

Tell out my soul

BIRMINGHAM

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Magnificat J. Rheinberger

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy & Richard Wilson in thanksgiving for their children & grandchildren.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS An Advent Event will take place at Calvary on Sunday, 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. You won't want to miss it!

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY SERVICES Christmas Eve Service will be at 4:00pm on December 24th, 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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