



CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10th, 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 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

PSALM 42

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, Proulx

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

desc. Right - eous - ness and peace.

or ooh throughout

Choir Right - eous - ness and peace shall go be - fore the Lor.d.

tone: VENI EMMANUEL

- 1 You have been gracious to your [land] O LORD,*
you have restored the good [fortune] of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity [of] your people*
and blotted out [all] their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD [God] is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people, ...
and to those who [turn] their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly his salvation is very near to [those] who fear him,*
that his glory may [dwell in] our land.

Antiphon

- 10 Mercy and [truth] have met together,*
righteousness and [peace] have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up [from] the earth,*
and righteousness shall look [down] from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed [grant] prosperity,*
and our land will [yield] its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall [go] before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway [for] his feet.

Antiphon

A READING FROM SECOND PETER

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

Please stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 54

Savior of the nations come

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Very 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
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. *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 Michael, Presiding Bishop, Chris, 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

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 *O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion* G. F. HANDEL

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Get the up into the high mountain
O thou that good tidings to Jerusalem
Lift up thy voice with strength lift it up be not afraid.

Say unto the cities of Judah
Behold your God
Say unto the cities of Judah
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Arise shine for thy light is come
And the glory of the Lord
The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380, Verse 3 *Please stand* OLD 100TH

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.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt., harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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

The Holy Eucharist II
Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-130 *Please stand or kneel*

Setting, Franz Schubert

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*

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, Franz Schubert

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

People Look East

CRAIG PHILIPS

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

COMMUNION HYMN 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

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 76

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FURNITURE FOR OWEN We are excited that our organist, Owen, now has a home in Louisville after commuting from Versailles for several months. Anyone who has spare furniture in good condition or would otherwise like to assist Owen with housewarming and furnishing his home should reach out directly to him.

SPARE ROOM OR APARTMENT? A young adult male Calvary member and college student is seeking housing in Louisville. He is hoping to move in January by the start of the spring semester. If anyone has or is aware of an affordable spare room or apartment to help assist him in his search, please reach out to Lee+.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY If you would like to contribute toward Christmas greenery and poinsettias, please use the form online or in the back of the church. 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 in order to include your donation in the Christmas bulletin is December 20.

4 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES This year the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. In the morning at 10:30 we will have our regular 4 Advent service after which 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.

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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at Calvary Church.

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