



Calvary Episcopal Church

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Holy Eucharist Rite One The Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019

Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church.

Calvary is the home of a community of people who seek to make the church a place of welcome, service, and beauty.

**Through the worship and love of God our mission is to:
make the Gospel of Jesus Christ the center of our life and work;
welcome all people into our church family;
love and support one another; and
actively seek out the human needs in our community,
responding vigorously with respect and understanding.**

We are glad you are with us today!

As used in this bulletin, BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1979 edition as amended by the 2006 General Convention, copies of which may be found in each pew rack. Brailled copies of *The Book of Common Prayer* are also available. Please ask should you desire a copy for this service.

Wireless assistive listening devices are available at the Narthex entrance to the Nave.

Remember to mute your cell phones before services, respecting those in quiet meditation and prayer.

To receive weekly emails concerning upcoming events and notices, visit our website (www.calvaryepiscopal.org) and select "get updates from us" or scan the QR code with your phone.



Prelude

Rorate Caeli

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

The Word of God

BCP 323

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant continues

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Trisagion

BCP 324

The Trisagion is said three times

Celebrant: Holy God,
 Holy and Mighty,
 Holy Immortal One,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

The Collect of the Day

BCP 160

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:4-9

Lauda, anima mea

BCP 803

The Psalm is read in unison.

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

James 5:7-10

Reader: A Reading from the letter of James.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. E. Benjamin Sanders

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

All 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.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Please kneel as able.

The Intercessor says:

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord.

We pray for the Church in Sokoto, Nigeria, for the Church in El Salvador, and for Messiah-Trinity Church, Louisville. Grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Terry, our Bishop; and Lee, our Priest; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President; Andrew and Eric, our Governors; and Greg, our Mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, and others in the service of our government, at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever they may be.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all who suffer persecution; our brothers and sisters of the food and clothing ministry; all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; and especially those commended to our prayers.

Silence is kept for a time as the people add their own petitions silently or aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for Alice H. James, Thomas James II, Rob Hernandez, and for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please stand.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Then the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:12*

As the offerings are received, the people stand and the Celebrant says

All things come of thee, O Lord,

People

And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, ...

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel as able.

Then Celebrant continues

BCP 334

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, ...

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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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

BCP 337

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

BCP 338

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion rail for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Rector of the parish.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

BCP 339

The Celebrant gives the blessing.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

The people respond: Amen.

The Dismissal

All stand.

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

The People respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

*Ave Maris Stella
IV. Amen.*

Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

LECTORS: Jamie Hendon, Dade Lockett

ALTAR GUILD: Glenna Harris,

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jamie Hendon, Dade Lockett

Deborah Stewart

*Scheduled ministers for each Sunday should be sent to verger@calvaryepiscopal.org
by the preceding Tuesday at noon.*

THE FLOWERS

The ALTAR flowers are given to the glory of God by Dr. Thomas James III in memory of his parents, Dr. Alice H. James and Thomas James II. The CHANCEL flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Abby and Rob Hernandez by the Smith Family.

If you would like to give flowers, please contact Jim Barnes at 587-6011, ext. 26.

THOSE COMMENDED TO OUR PRAYERS

We ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: Art Dietz, Tom Hill, Lisa, Lynne Lyndrup, Danni McKensie, Jamie McPherson, Alex Redden, Jack Reisz, Bob Richardson, Don Snow, Mary Sorrell, Brenda Wade, Elizabeth Blackburn Walden, Rebecca, and Spencer.