



# CALVARY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *The Third Sunday of Advent*

December 17th, 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  
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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

*Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

J. BRAHMS

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 74

*Blessed be the king whose coming*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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

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

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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

BCP 211

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 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 126

desc. The Lord has done great things for us.

Choir The Lord has done great things for us.

tone: VENI EMMANUEL

- 1 When the LORD restored the [fortunes] of Zion,\*  
then were we like [those] who dream.
- 2 Then was our [mouth filled] with laughter,\*  
and our tongue with [shouts] of joy.
- 3 Then they said a-[mong] the nations,\*  
“The LORD has [done] great things for them.”
- 4 The LORD has [done] great things for us,\*  
and we are [glad] indeed.

*Antiphon*

- 5 Restore our [fortunes] O LORD,\*  
like the watercourses [of] the Negev.
- 6 Those who [sowed] with tears\*  
will reap with [songs] of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping [carrying] the seed,\*  
will come again with joy, ... [shouldering] their sheaves.

*Antiphon*

A READING FROM FIRST THESSALONIANS

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

*Please stand*

SEQUENCE HYMN 64

*O heavenly Word, eternal light*

O HEILAND, REISS

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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 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*

*The Celebrant will add a concluding collect...*

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

In dulci jubilo  
 Let us our homage shew:  
 Our heart's joy reclineth  
 In praesepio;  
 And like a bright star shineth  
 Matris in gremio,  
 Alpha es et O!

O Jesu parvule,  
 My heart is sore for Thee!  
 Hear me, I beseech Thee,  
 O puer optime;  
 My praying let it reach Thee,  
 O princeps gloriae.  
 Trahe me post te.

O patris caritas!  
 O Nati lenitas!  
 Deeply were we stained.  
 Per nostra crimina:  
 But Thou for us hast gained  
 Coelorum gaudia,  
 Qualis gloria!

Ubi sunt gaudia,  
 If that they be not there?  
 There are Angels singing  
 Nova cantica;  
 And there the bells are ring-  
 ing  
 In Regis curia.  
 O that we were there!

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380, Verse 3 *Please stand*

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly 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,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-164

Setting, Franz Schubert

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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."

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*I wonder as I wander*

CARL RUTTI

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
ow Jesus the Savior did come for to die.  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

COMMUNION HYMN 640

*Watchman tell us of the night*

ABERYSTWYTH

*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 72

*Hark the glad sound*

RICHMOND

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on "Gaudete Carol"*

*The altar flowers are given by Judy & Richard Wilson in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS** Please join us today, December 17th, at 3:30 pm, for a Kentucky-flavored Lessons and Carols featuring carols by Kentucky composers and poets, in company with carols and readings from all over the globe, both ancient and modern.

**2023 PLEDGE REMINDER** Please remember that if you want tax credit for your gift to Calvary this year it needs to be in by 12/31/2023. Thanks for your generosity.

**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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