

**CALVARY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *The Second Sunday after Christmas*

January 4th, 2026  
10:30 am

We welcome ALL:  
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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

*O little town of Bethlehem*

W. HELD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 78

*Please stand*

*O little town of Bethlehem*

FOREST GREEN

ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

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

People        *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant      The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;

People        *And we beheld his glory.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

SETTING: E. S. BARNES



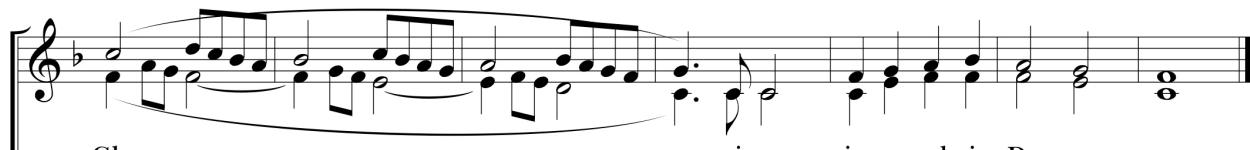
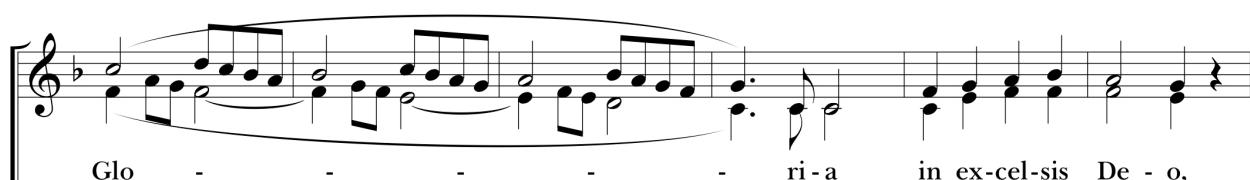
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

3. Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fath - er, un - to thee we raise,



come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new born King.

boun - teous source of ev - 'ry joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:



Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*  
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A READING FROM JEREMIAH

*Please be seated.*

Jeremiah 31:7-143

Thus says the Lord:

**S**ING ALOUD WITH GLADNESS FOR JACOB, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

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

PSALM 84

Choir

How dear to me is your dwell - ing, O Lord of hosts.

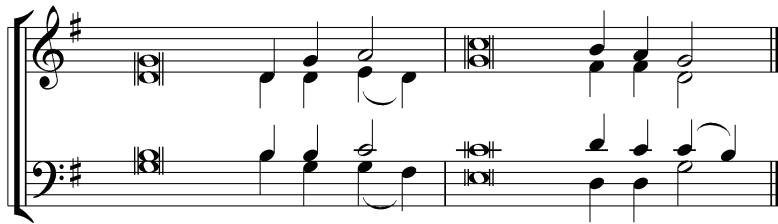
*tone: ADESTE FIDELIS*

- <sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling O [Lord] of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; ...  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the [liv]-ing God.
- <sup>2</sup> The sparrow has found her a house ...  
and the swallow a nest where she may [lay] her young; \*  
by the side of your altars O Lord of hosts, ...  
my [King and] my God.
- <sup>3</sup> Happy are they who [dwell in] your house! \*  
they will [always] be praising you.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy are the people whose [strength is] in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the [pil]-grims' way.

*Antiphon*

- <sup>5</sup> Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a [place] of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with [pools] of water.
- <sup>6</sup> They will climb from [height] to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal him-[self] in Zion.
- <sup>7</sup> Lord God of hosts, ... [hear] my prayer; \*  
hearken O [God] of Jacob.
- <sup>8</sup> Behold our de-[fender] O God; \*  
and look upon the face of [your] Anointed.

*Antiphon*



9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in [my] own room, \*  
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God ...  
 than to dwell in the [tents] of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both [sun] and shield; \*  
 he will give [grace] and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who [walk with] integrity. \*

12 O Lord of hosts, ... happy are they who put their [trust] in you!

*Antiphon*

A READING FROM EPHESIANS

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

**B**LESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

*Who cries out in the night*

LINDSEY

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

**A**FTER THE WISE MEN HAD LEFT, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken

through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

BCP 387

Leader           Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
People          *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, especially Sean, Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop;  
priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any illness, grief or trouble,  
especially those on our Calvary Prayer List;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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

*I wonder as I wander*  
Darian Wright, Tenor

J. J. NILES

1 I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
for poor ordinary people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

3 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 heaven for to sing,  
he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

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

4 I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
for poor ordinary people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand*

PUER NOBIS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, above, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly, Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER A  
*The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues*

People                    The Lord be with you.  
Celebrant            *And also with you.*  
People                    Lift up your hearts.  
Celebrant            *We lift them to the Lord.*  
People                    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
Celebrant            *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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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-128

*The people stand or kneel*

Ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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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-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*In the bleak midwinter*

G. HOLST

1 In the bleak midwinter  
 frosty wind made moan,  
 earth stood hard as iron,  
 water like a stone:  
 snow had fallen,  
 snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak midwinter,  
 long ago.

2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,  
 nor earth sustain;  
 heaven and earth shall flee away  
 when he comes to reign:  
 in the bleak midwinter  
 a stable place sufficed  
 the Lord God Almighty,  
 Jesus Christ.

3 Enough for him whom cherubim  
 worship night and day,  
 a breastful of milk  
 and a mangerful of hay:

enough for him  
 whom angels fall down before,  
 the ox and ass and camel  
 which adore.

4 Angels and archangels  
 may have gathered there,  
 cherubim and seraphim  
 thronged the air,  
 but only his mother,  
 in her maiden bliss,  
 worshiped the Beloved  
 with a kiss.

5 What can I give him,  
 poor as I am?  
 If I were a shepherd,  
 I would bring a lamb,  
 if I were a wise man  
 I would do my part,  
 yet what I can I give him,  
 give my heart.

COMMUNION HYMN 101

*Away in a manger*

CRADLE SONG

*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 107

*Good Christian friends, rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*O come, all ye faithful*

G. DETHIER

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*Today we welcome Margaret Dickinson, Organist Emerita, to the organ bench.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discretionary Fund**      Cash offerings from this Sunday's service go to the Calvary Discretionary Fund, to support various ministries and individuals on an as-needed basis. If you would like to contribute by check, please make a notation in the check memo line. Thank you!

**Updates from the Senior Warden**      Calvary has begun to receive names of and discern with prospective Interim Candidates with a targeted start date in early 2026. In the meantime, services of Holy Eucharist will continue with supply clergy. This Sunday, we welcome back the Rev. Emily Crouch to the pulpit.

**Update on Lay Eucharistic Visitors**      Seven new or returning LEVs have completed training and their names have been submitted to the Diocese for licensing. There will be a meeting in January to answer questions, firm up procedures and make up a list of those who may wish to receive Communion in their home. Several additional LEVs will complete training at that time. If you are aware of someone who could not attend Calvary on Christmas and would like to receive visitors, please speak to Dru Kemp or Burnell Esbenshade or Robert Devers (our retired deacons who are helping out).

**Food Pantry Update**      24 degrees and super high wind, but we still had 103 clients receiving 206 bags serving 231 people!! Koc rescued us with a big food donation, as did Jeff with sandwiches and gas station chicken. We are being rewarded with extra food for staying open while the other agencies take a two week break. Thanks to overtime helpful volunteers Emily Elise, Barbara, Randy, Lisa, Mary And Tom.

TODAY WE WELCOME  
The Rev. Emily Schwartz Crouch

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