



Calvary Episcopal Church

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11 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO 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!

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Prelude

Rorate Caeli

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Opening Hymn

Hark! The glad sound!

Hymnal 72

The people standing, the Celebrant says

BCP 355

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

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

The celebrant then says

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.*

Trisagion

Hymnal S101

Ho-ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal

One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,

Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have

mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 212

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.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

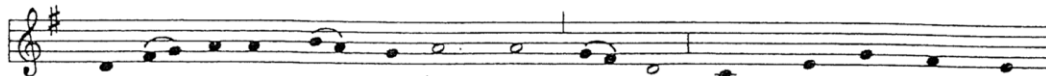
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. 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.

Please remain seated. The choir sings the antiphon first then the congregation joins the choir in singing the antiphon. All sing the antiphon at the end of the Psalm as indicated.

Antiphon:



Tell it out a - mong the na - tions, and say; "Be - hold, he comes, our



God and Sav - ior," hal - le - lu - jah.

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!

Antiphon.

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.

Sequence Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Hymnal 59

Please stand

The Holy 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.

Gospel Alleluia

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia, then the people join in.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,

And all flesh shall see the salva-tion of our God.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

The Sermon

The Rev. E. Benjamin Sanders

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

The People stand or kneel. The lector and people pray responsively

Lector

As we wait with joy for the glory of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who opens the eyes of the blind and raises the dead.

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

All respond: Come, O Lord, and save us.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Terry, our Bishop; Lee, our Priest; all deacons and all who minister in Christ; all the people of this diocese; and for all the holy people of God.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the Church in Sokoto, Nigeria; for the Church in El Salvador; for Messiah-Trinity Church, Louisville; for the church throughout the world; and for the faithful in every place.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For this nation; for Donald, our President; Andrew and Eric, our Governors; Greg, our Mayor; and for the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For 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 your heavenly grace; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For Alice H. James, Thomas James II, Rob Hernandez, those commended to our prayers, and for all the dying and the dead.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

The Celebrant then says

O Key of David, scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and none can shut, who shuts and none can open, come and free the captives from prison, who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister 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 Priest stands and says

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

The people sit.

Greeting, Announcements, and recognitions

Those with birthdays or anniversaries, those graduating from high school or university, and those with other achievements are asked to come forward and be recognized.

The Celebrant then says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and Congregation together

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

BCP 361

The Offertory

The celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Anthem at the Offertory *How lovely are the messengers*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.

Doxology

Hymnal H43, verse 4

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
Heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Invitation to Communion

Iona Community

The people standing.

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is to be made ready for those who love Him and who want to love Him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, you who have been here often; you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because it is we who invite you; it is our Lord. It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

The people remain standing.

Sursum Corda

Hymnal S120

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* 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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

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

Hymnal S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

BCP 362

Holy and gracious Father . . .

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

BCP 363

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again,

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, . . .

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.*

The Celebrant then continues

BCP 364

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

People and Celebrant

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 364

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei

Hymnal S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

Music during Communion

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood
That we might saved be.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

After Communion, the Celebrant says

BCP 366

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People.

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

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 Closing Hymn

Blest be the King

Hymnal 74

All stand.

The Dismissal

BCP 366

The Celebrant dismisses the People.

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

The Postlude

Ave Maris Stella

Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

IV Amen

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Music Notes:

Felix Mendelssohn was a musical prodigy as a child, showing great strength in musical composition. He became a great pianist and organist, and was revered as a conductor, reviving the music of Bach. Perhaps his most influential contribution as such was in 1829 when he conducted the first performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion, at only 20 years old. This event made a significant impact for the 19th century revival of Bach's music. **How lovely are the messengers** is a well-known chorus from Mendelssohn's first Oratorio, Paulus (St. Paul). It was commissioned in 1831 and was given its first performance in 1836 in Düsseldorf. Later that same year it received its first performance in Liverpool. The chorus comes from part II of St. Paul as a reflection on Paul and Barnabas who are acting as messengers for the Gospel. It fits well in our liturgy today as a reflection on the Gospel reading.

Paul Manz was an American composer for the organ and chorus. His most famous piece is the Advent motet, **E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come**. Its genesis comes from a demanding time for the Manz family, when their three-year-old son, John, fell terribly ill with double pneumonia. While Paul and his wife, Ruth, gave John twenty-four-hour care, they were inspired to write this piece as a reflection on their experience and a dedication to their son. Paul composed the music, and Ruth wrote the text based on Revelation 22. John recovered and later became a Lutheran pastor. Not only is this text generally appropriate for Advent, but it also comments on the passage from James, where we are strengthened by the knowledge of the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

LECTORS: Dean French, Dorn Crawford,
Elyse Hensley
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Meg Scharre, Joseph Reese
VERGERS: Jim Barnes, Cindy Curry
ACOLYTE: Zachary Hood

USHERS: Jim Hill, James Moody.
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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.

PRAYER LIST

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