



Calvary Episcopal Church

CalvaryEpiscopal.org

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8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite One Third Sunday in Advent December 16, 2018

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.

To receive weekly emails concerning upcoming events and notices, visit our website (www.calvaryepiscopal.org) and select "get updates from us."

Please remember to turn your cell phones off before the worship services out of respect for those in quiet meditation and prayer. If you enter or leave during the service, please try to do so during hymns and spoken congregational activities. Please avoid doing so during readings, the anthem, and the sermon.

Prelude*Rorate Coeli*

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 Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah Ecce Deus *Isaiah 12:2-6* *BCP 86*

The Canticle is read in unison, seated.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the

thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

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 men: 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 Diocese of Kivu, Rwanda, and for St. Thomas' Episcopal 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; Matthew 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 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 Christians who suffer persecution; our guests of the food and clothing ministry; and June, Isabella, Robert, Tom, Bill, JJ, Lou, Debi, Jeff, Becky, Raymond, Helen, Alan, Thomas, Ed, George, Walter, Connie, Dan, Kristy, Michael, Robbie, Gleada, Dodd, Rob, Bonnie, Gene, Lucia, Lisa, Larry, Heidi, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Thomas and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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.

Please kneel as able.

Minister and People

BCP 320

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

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Please stand.

The Peace

BCP 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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

Please be seated.

Greeting [and recognitions]

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

The Holy Communion

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*

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward. As the gifts are offered the celebrant says

People All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP 333

The people remain standing.

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

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. The 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.*

The Celebrant then continues

BCP 336

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 337

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

BCP 338

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All baptized Christians 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 a priest of the parish.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

BCP 339

Let us pray.

The People kneel and 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 blesses the people.

The Dismissal

Please stand

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *In dir ist Freude, BWV 615* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

LECTORS: Jamie Hendon, Dade Luckett

ALTAR GUILD: Lynne Lyndrup,

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jamie Hendon, Dade Luckett

Meg Scharre

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

GREENERY

The ALTAR greenery is given to the glory of God by Ben and Mary Sanders in celebration and honor of 42 years of marriage, their children, and for many blessings receive .

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.

TO BE READ AT THE 8:30 SERVICE: June, Isabella Robins, Robert, Tom Hill, Bill Whitaker, JJ Robb, Lou, Debi MacDonald, Jeff Ritchie, Becky Meyer, Raymond, Helen, Alan, Thomas Robins, Ed Carle, Dr. George Hafitz, Walter Vosinek, Connie, Dan, Kristy, Michael Curry, Robbie, Gleada, Dodd Harris, Rob Gentile, Bonnie Fritschner, Gene Krutzler, Lucia Zunun, Lisa, Larry Reining, Heidi Poth Tracy.

TO BE READ AT THE 11:00 SERVICE: Spencer, Marion Six, Harold Six, Shirley Leach, Joan Humke, Ben Sanders, Marsha, Charlie, Anna Weiss, Sandy Hill, Cindy, Suzannah, Debbie Navas, Joan Pritcher, Steve Montoya, Cassandra, Chris Pereza, Wayne, Patti, Bea Eldridge, Ken Bohannon, Georgine, Marj, Richard, Beverly, David Bryant, Marilyn Bryant, Amy.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY

Please detach and place in alms basin or give to the church office.

Calvary kindly requests that all donations be at least \$35.00

Donation in memory of:

In thanksgiving for:

Given by:

All names will be listed in the leaflet for Christmas Eve.

*The deadline is **TODAY**, Dec. 16, for inclusion in the leaflet. Thank you.*