



Calvary Episcopal Church

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8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite One
Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 23, 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*Ave Maris Stella*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80, v. 1-7 *Qui regis Israel*

BCP 702

Please remain seated. The psalm is read in unison.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

All stand.

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the

hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Celebrant 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:
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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 Kubwa, Nigeria, and for the Home of the Innocents, 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 Spencer, Marion, Harold, Shirley, Joan, Ben, Marsha, Charlie, Anna, Sandy, Cindy, Suzannah, Debbie, Joan, Steve, Cassandra, Chris, Wayne, Patti, Bea, Ken, Georgine, Marj, Richard, Beverly, David, Marilyn, Amy, 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 Downey Milliken Gray, Jr., Downey Milliken Gray III, the Holy Innocents, and 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 St. Stephen, St. John, 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 331

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

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

All things come of thee, O Lord,

People 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 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 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 Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

LECTORS: Jamie Hendon, Dade Lockett
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jamie Hendon, Dade Lockett

ALTAR GUILD: Margaret Dickinson,
Cindy Curry

*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 Mrs. Downey M. Gray Jr. in loving memory of Downey Milliken Gray, Jr., Downey Milliken Gray III, Mr. and Mrs. Downey M. Gray, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. Carter Stewart.

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: 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.

TO BE READ AT THE 11:00 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.