

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021 10:30 am

We welcome ALL:
People of Color
LGBTQ+
Partnered and Single
Differently Abled
Families and children
Young and Old
Our Homeless Neighbors
The Alcoholic and Addicted
Believers and those Questioning Faith
Anyone who Desires a Spiritual Home.

Calvary's welcome extends to all. But more importantly—God welcomes you for exactly who you are.

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The Rev. Dr. Lee Franklin Shafer Rector

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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE Paean on "Hyfrydol" Alec Wyton

INTROIT Matin Responsory G. P. da Palestrina

OPENING HYMN 481 Insert p. 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King GOPSAL

SALUTATION Please stand

BCP 355

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

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

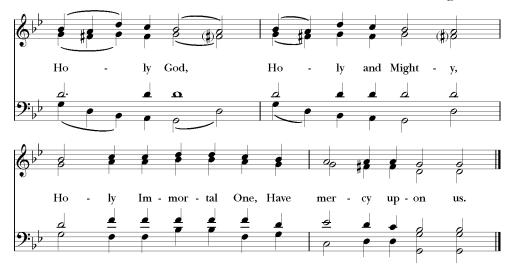
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*.

THE TRISAGION S-102

Setting, Alexander Archangelsky



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Please remain standing

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*.

Please be seated

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

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.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 9 The First Song of Isaiah Isaiah 12:2-6



- Surely, it is God who saves me; *

 I will trust in him and not be a fraid.
- 2 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior.
- Therefore you shall draw water with reljoicing *
 from the springs of sal vation.
- 4 And on that day you shall say, *
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
- †5 Make his deeds known a mong the peoples; *
 see that they re member that his Name is ex alted.
- 6 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, * and this is known in all the world.
- 7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

(Gloria Patri may be added omitted)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning is now *

As it was in the be ginning, is now, * and will be for ever. A men.

†Second half of double chant.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Philippians 4:4-7

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.

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

Please stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 679 Insert p. 2

Surely it is God who saves me

THOMAS MERTON

THE GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Please be seated

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

BCP 358

THE NICENE CREED Please 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.

Please stand or kneel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV The Leader and People pray responsively

BCP 388

Lector: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Nancy, Lovell, Jim, Larry, Juliette, Greg, Hoss, Carren, Julie, Alex, Bruce, Craig, William, Teresa, Marsha, Ramon, Julie, Mary, Hugh, Michael, Teddy, Ben, John, Larisa, Richard, Libby, Leslie, and Jim; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy Joseph Wright and all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Please stand or kneel

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

The 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 Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Please be seated

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Tollite Hostias

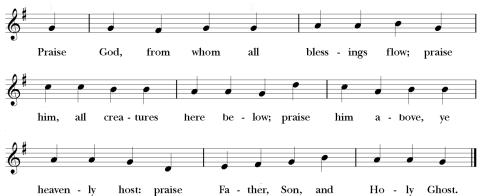
Camille Saint-Saëns

Bring forth your offerings, and adore the Lord, your God, and worship Him in his Holy place. Rejoice in heaven, exult all ye peoples, for the Lord now comes in glory. Alleluia.

Please stand

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 43, Verse 4

THE EIGHTH TUNE



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INVITATON 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain

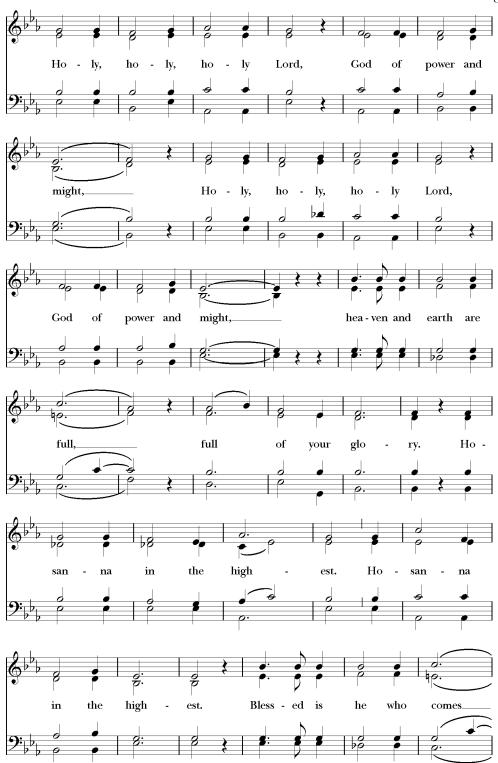
of mercy.

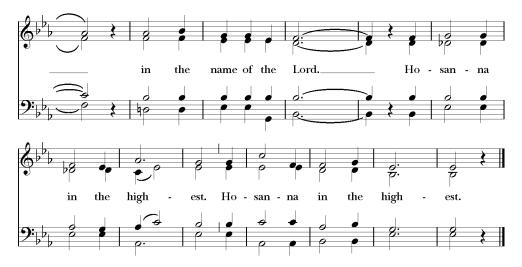
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS S-130

Setting, Franz Schubert





Please stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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-164

Setting, David Hurd



THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

This is the Record of John Amy Gillig, alto

Orlando Gibbons

COMMUNION HYMN 75 Insert p. 3 There's a voice in the wilderness crying

ASCENSION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Please stand or kneel

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

Please stand

RECESSIONAL HYMN 61 Insert p. 4 Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us

WACHET AUF

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. *People Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE Toccata und Fuga D.Buxtehude BuxWV 157

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren by Judy and Richard Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS Please join your Calvary family for Advent Lessons and Carols this afternoon at 4:00 pm.

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS Coffee hour is back in Frazier Hall immediately after the worship service.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to donate poinsettias and greenery for the altar, please fill in the form in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than December 20.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30 service on January 16, 2022. Please plan to attend. Nominations are now being accepted for the Vestry. Please contact Donna Duvall at duvall.donna@gmail.com if you would like to run for vestry or would like to nominate someone. Please do ask the person you are nominating if they are willing to serve prior to submitting their name.

INQUIRERS CLASS TAKES A BREAK The Inquirers Class will take a break for the rest of December. We'll meet again on January 9 and 16.

COMPLINE AND SUNDAY FORUM SCHEDULE There will be no Compline or Sunday Forum on December 26 or January 6. Both will resume on Sunday, January 9.

2022 PLEDGE If you would like to make a 2022 Pledge to Calvary and have not yet done so, please let us know as soon as possible. The Vestry needs to have a firm total no later than November 30 to plan next year's budget. You can either turn in a pledge card (available at the church if you didn't receive one by mail), by submitting it on the Calvary website (calvaryepiscopal.org/pledge) or sending an email to bookkeeper@calvaryepiscopal.org. Thank you for your support.

MIDDAY HEALING EUCHARIST Please join us for Holy Eucharist each Thursday at 12:05 pm. All are welcome. **Please note:** There will be no healing Eucharist on December 30.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES If you have an interest in serving as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or on the Altar Guild, please contact Lee+ via email (rector@calvaryepiscopal.org). We'd love to train you to be part of these wonderful and integral worship teams.

BIBLE STUDY—NEW BEGINNINGS Everyone is welcome to join bible study on Wednesdays from 10:00 until 11:00 am at Panera on Rudy Lane. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Curry cindwatch7@twc.com

CALVARY PRAYER LIST If you would like to add a name to the Calvary prayer list, please do so on the form at the back of the nave. Please list first names only. You may also contact the church office with prayer list information at office@calvaryepiscopal.org.

NURSERY/CHILD CARE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY The nursery is open during the worship service on Sundays. Masks are requested for all children 2 years old and older.

CHECK YOUR EMAILS

Please be sure to check the weekly emails from Calvary. This is the best place for up-to-date information about activities at Calvary Church, especially regarding changes related to Covid-19.

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