



# CALVARY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *Christmas Day*

December 25th, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We welcome ALL:  
People of Color  
LGBTQIA+  
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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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

*In dulci jubilo*

E. REIMERDES

*Please stand*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 107

*Good Christian friends, rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBLIO

SALUTATION

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.*

GLORIA HYMN 96

*Angels we have heard on high*

GLORIA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

BCP 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH *Please be seated*

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 96

*Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.  
2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.  
3 Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.  
6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.  
8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  
9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.  
10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King!  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
13 He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with his truth.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO TITUS

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

*Please stand*

SEQUENCE HYMN 101  
SONG

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed*

CRADLE

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1--20

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

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.

*Please stand or kneel*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III *The Leader and People pray responsively*

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*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 Michael, Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop; priests, especially Lee, 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.*

We pray today especially for Ben, Anna, Ann, Robert, Joan, Larry, Tessa, Lynne, Sandy, Caleb, Tim, Rusty, Lovell, Bruce, Teresa, Marsha, and Ramon. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*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 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

*In the bleak of winter*

HAROLD DARKE

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
 him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
 heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### INVITATION 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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Cantor: All:

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
 heav-en - ly King, Al-migh - y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy - on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re -  
 ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

*The people stand or kneel.  
 Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*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.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in

the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*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.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. [Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church. ]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. ] [Remember \_\_\_\_\_. ] [Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. ]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_) and ] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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-163

Setting, Margaret Dickinson

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Angel Carol*

JOHN RUTTER

*Please stand or kneel*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 99

*Go tell it on the mountain*

H.C. BOYER

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

*O come, all ye faithful*

GASTON DETHIER

*We welcome back to the bench today Margaret Dickinson, Organist Emerita*

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The Gray family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carter Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Downey M. Gray, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Downey M. Gray, Jr., and Mr. Downey M. Gray, III

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Larry Davis to the glory of God and Joan, her children, and grandchildren; in memory of Elizabeth and Raymond Davis and Christine Wall; and in honor of Amy, Brian, Patrick, Teddy, Piper, and Mae.

Lynne and Jerry Lyndrup to the glory of God and for the birth of our great-nephew, Mac Roulier, November 10, 2022.

Judy and Richard Wilson to the glory of God and for blessings received.

Art and Jean Deitz in memory of Andrew and Eleanor Deitz, Theodore and Lucille Egner, Carolyn Egner, and Martha Menk.

Lauren Anderson in memory of Calvin and Nancy Anderson.

Mya Nicole to the glory of God and your six great-grandchildren; in memory of Diane E. Sears; and in honor of Shirley Ann Sears.

Carolyn and Don Snow in memory of Lanelle Barnes, Marion and Herald Six, Louise and Cecile McDaniel, Helen and Homan Snow, Betty McDaniel, and Gillian McDaniel.

Tom and Lee Shafer to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Calvary Church family.

Taylor Howell in honor of Gray Howell.

The Kershaw family, in memory of Al and Doris Kershaw.

Donna Duvall in memory of Alex, Charlotte, and Susan Knaster.

Cindy Curry in memory of David Scott Benson.

Mrs. Patricia Berry in memory of Dr. John T. Berry, and in honor of Jared Berry.

Joan F. Wempe to the glory of God and for her children: Kenneth (Elizabeth), Michael (Lisa), Stephanie (David), and her grandchildren (Clara and Henry).

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