



CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2024
4:00 p.m.

We welcome ALL:
People of Color
LGBTQIA+
Drag Queens
Partnered and Single
Differently Abled
Families and Children
Young and Old
Our Unhoused Neighbors
The Alcoholic and Addict
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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CHORAL PRELUDE

*Let there be peace on Earth
Joy to the World
O Come All Ye Faithful
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Personet hodie
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
The First Noel
Angels we have Heard on High
Christmas Cantata
Christmas Concerto, Pastorale*

Calvary Children’s Choir
Calvary Strings Ensemble
*Judy Wilson, Rosemary Wilson, Nino Tran,
Allisson Reber, Emery Tran, Cynthia Racine*
arr. Holst
Calvary Strings Ensemble

Daniel Pinkham
Archangelo Corelli

HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83

O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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 have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*


A READING FROM ISAIAH

Please be seated

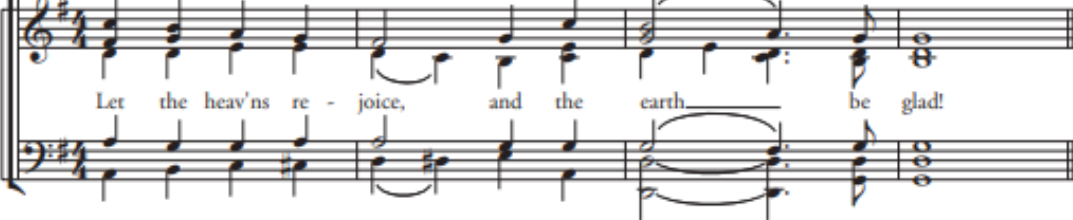
Isaiah 9:2-7

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.*

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Let the heav'ns re - joice, and the earth be glad!

Choir 

Let the heav'ns re - joice, and the earth be glad!

tone: ADESTE FIDELIS



- 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 a-[mong] the nations*
and his wonders a-[mong] all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly [to] be praised;*
he is more to be feared than [all] gods.

Antiphon

- 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 in-[to] 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."

Antiphon

- 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.

Antiphon

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 87

Hark! The herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

THE GOSPEL PAGEANT

Calvary's Children

Pageant Cast:

Mary: Aurora Koch

Joseph: Clark Koch

Gabriel: Opal Walton

Elizabeth: Quinn Rhodes

Shepherd: Clara Cook

Angels: Julia and Annie Moye

Sheep: Mabel Walton, Jude Walton

Director: Callie Hausman

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 Sean, Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop; priests, 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 those on our Calvary Prayer List and those you wish to pray for, silently or aloud.
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 Celebrant will add a concluding collect...

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

*Ding dong merrily on high
Rejoice and be merry*

Calvary Children's Choir
JOHN RUTTER

Ding dong, merrily on high!
In heav'n the bells are ringing;
ding dong, verily the sky
is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io,
by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth.
Oh praise our redeemer, all mortals on earth,
for this is the birthday of Jesus our king,
who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
 Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye
 heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly, Ghost.

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),

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

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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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

In the bleak midwinter

HAROLD DARKE

In the bleak midwinter
 Frosty wind made moan
 Earth stood hard as iron
 Water like a stone
 Snow had fallen
 Snow on snow, snow on snow
 In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him
 Nor earth sustain
 Heaven and earth shall flee away
 When He comes to reign
 In the bleak mid-winter
 A stable-place sufficed
 Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ

Enough for Him whom cherubim
 Worship night and day
 A breastful of milk, and a manger full of hay
 Enough for Him whom angels fall down before
 The ox and ass and camel
 Which adore

What can I give Him
 Poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part
 Yet what I can, I give Him
 Give my heart

COMMUNION HYMN 89

It came upon a midnight clear

CAROL

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.*

CANDLELIGHT HYMN 111

Silent night, holy night

STILLE NACHT

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 100

Joy to the world

ANTIOCH

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

Those for whom our prayers have been requested: Ellie, Ruth, Tutu, Brandon, Beverly, Shelby, John, Lucy, Juliette, Laina, Dee, John, Kim, Amy, Lucy, Thomas, Patti, Linda, John, Greg, Michael, Gwenn, Bob, and Rusty.

Altar flowers are given by

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.

Poinsettias are given by

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

Jonathan and Stephanie Smith to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's Priory School, Honolulu, Hawaii;, and St. Andrew's School, Middletown, Delaware.

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

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Bill Garnar to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Ann Garnar.

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Lauren Anderson to the glory of God and in memory of Nancy Anderson and Edith Finzer, and in thanksgiving for Karen Winn and Louise Anderson.

Barry Richardson & James Moody to the glory of God and in memory of Willard & Thelma Richardson, Estill & Lottie Martin, and Lawrence & Novella Moody.

Wilma Wilson to the glory of God and in memory of Michael Wilson.

Alex & Mary Redden to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph Michael Wilson; in thanksgiving for Logan, Kameran, AileeKay, Emily, and Kenneth; and in honor of Lee Shafer, Jacob Cook, Owen Sammons, and Ben Sanders.

The Moye Family to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Calvary Church family.

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Cindy Curry to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of David Scott Benson.

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