



# CALVARY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *The Third Sunday of Advent*

December 15th, 2024

10:30 am

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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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

ADVENT RESPONSORY

*I Look from Afar*

RICHARD MARLOW

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say: Art thou he that should come to rule thy people Israel?  
High and low, rich and poor, one with another: go ye out to meet him and say:  
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep: art thou he that should come?  
Stir up thy strength and come to rule thy people Israel.

*Please stand*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 76

*On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry*

WINCHESTER NEW

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.*

KYRIE S-96

Setting, Proulx

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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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.

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.*

A READING FROM ZEPHANIAH *Please be seated*

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.*

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.

Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a -

Sure-ly it is God who... saves me; I will trust in him and not be a -

fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and

fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and

he will be my Sav - ior.

he will be my Sav - ior. Ah

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 75

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

ASCENSION

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

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

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  
worshipped 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 II *The Leader prays*

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Sean, Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on the Calvary Prayer List and those you wish to pray for, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

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

*Celebrant 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 Celebrant continues*

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*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

*This is the record of John*

ORLANDO GIBBONS

This is the record of John,  
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,  
Who art thou?  
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,  
I am not the Christ.  
  
And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?  
And he said, I am not.  
Art thou the prophet?  
And he answered, No.  
  
Then said they unto him,  
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.  
What sayest thou of thyself?  
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Make straight the way of the Lord.



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.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*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.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*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.*

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## THE COMMUNION

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Rejoice in the Lord always*

ANONYMOUS

Rejoice in the Lord always,  
and again I say rejoice.  
Let your moderation be known unto all men.  
The Lord is at hand.  
Be careful for nothing;  
but in every thing by prayer and supplication  
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God,  
which passeth all understanding,  
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION HYMN 69

*What is the crying at Jordan*

ST. MARK'S, BERKLEY

*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 65

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the children and grandchildren of Judy and Richard Wilson.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY** If you would like to contribute toward Christmas greenery and poinsettias, please use the form in the weekly email Blast or in the back of the church. You may make your contribution in memory or in honor of family or friends, in thanksgiving, or simply to the glory of God. Please consider a donation of \$35 or more, payable to Calvary Episcopal Church. The deadline to include your donation in the Christmas bulletin is **December 18th**.

**SAVE THE DATES:** Mark your calendars for the upcoming events at Calvary in the new year:

January 12: Inquirer's Class starts

January 19: Annual Parish Meeting

March 2: Bishop's Visit with Confirmation

**ROOM IN THE INN** Christ Church Cathedral and UP for Women & Children are collaborating to establish an overnight winter shelter for 15 homeless women and children using the Room in the Inn model. This shelter will be located at the Cathedral and will operate every night throughout January and February. We are reaching out to other congregations to join us in this partnership, with a particular focus on finding congregations interested in helping to staff the shelter and individuals interested in joining the leadership team. Stay tuned for more details, and please reach out to Lee+ if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

**LA CASITA RESOURCE BAGS** Please see the weekly email Blast for more details about how to help La Casita families, who are often seasonal workers, with resource bags for the holidays.

### 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.

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