



# CALVARY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *The First Sunday of Advent*

December 1st, 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 57

*Lo, he comes with clouds ascending*

HELMSLEY

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,

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

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

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



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.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM JEREMIAH *Please be seated*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

tone: VENI EMMANUEL

- 1 To you O LORD I lift up my soul; ... my God I [put] my trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, ... nor let my enemies [tri]-umph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be [put] to shame;\*  
let the treacherous be disappointed [in] their schemes.
- 3 Show me your [ways] O LORD,\*  
and [teach me] your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your [truth] and teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation; ...  
in you have I trusted [all the] day long.

*Antiphon*

- 5 Remember O LORD your com-[passion] and love,\*  
for they are from [ev]-erlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and [my] transgressions;\*  
remember me according to your love, ...  
and for the sake of your [goodness] O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright [is] the LORD;\*  
therefore he teaches sinners [in] his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in [do]-ing right\*  
and teaches his [way to] the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are [love] and faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant [and] his testimonies.

*Antiphon*

A READING FROM FIRST THESSALONIANS

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

*Please stand*

SEQUENCE HYMN 640

*Watchman, tell us of the night*

ABERYTWYTH

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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 Pi-  
late;  
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 Michael, 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 Sean, Presiding Bishop, Lucy, Juliette, Laina, Dee, John, Kim, Amy, Missie, Lucy, Thomas, Linda, John, Greg, Michael, Bob, and Rusty.

*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 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 adds a concluding collect.*

*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 *And the glory of the Lord from Messiah*

G. F. HANDEL

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380, Verse 3 *Please stand*

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly 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

*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.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*A spotless rose*

HERBERT HOWELLS

A Spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root,  
 Of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit;  
 Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
 Amid the cold, cold winter, And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,  
 Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid;  
 Through God's great love and might  
 The Blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

COMMUNION HYMN 53

*Once He Came in Blessing*

GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

*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 454

*Jesus came adorned by angels*

LOWRY

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" SING-ALONG** TODAY, December 1st, at 3:30 p.m., at Christ Church Cathedral. Join us for a joyous evening of music and community as we come together with the Cathedral choir to sing Handel's masterpiece. Whether you're a seasoned singer or simply love music, this event is for you. Musical scores will be provided, so just bring your voice and enthusiasm. Let's fill the Cathedral with the powerful and uplifting sounds of the Hallelujah chorus.

**AN ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS** On Sunday, December 8th, at 10:30 a.m., join us at Calvary for an Advent service of time-honored carols and prophetic scripture readings as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. This special service will also include Holy Eucharist.

**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 20.

**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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