WELCOME TO





We are here for God and we are here for you.

Second Sunday of Advent
The Year of our Lord, 2025, being December
Year A

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please remember to wear your name tags.

Prelude

The Call to Worship

The Parish Chimes

The Processional

"On Jordan's Banks, the Baptist Cries"

#76

Welcome

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Second Sunday of Advent

Leader: O Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, come and save your people. Joy of every heart, Strength of those who are poor, come quickly to help us.

Leader and People Together: **Prince of Peace, teach the lion and the lamb. Teach the nations; Teach everyone who can't get along to live in peace and justice.**

The first & second candles are lit.

Leader: O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way.

Leader and People Together: May Christ our Savior bring light and life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.

<u>New to the Episcopal Church</u>? Welcome! We're delighted you're here. If you come from a different tradition or have never been to church, we honor and celebrate your story. Our rector, Father Jim, would love the chance to treat you to coffee or lunch and answer any questions you might have about who we are, what we do in and out of church and anything else you're curious about.

For today's service...

- If you have a question about anything, feel free to ask a greeter, usher, or the person nearest you. Calvary people are very friendly and we all understand being new.
- We use a number of musical resources. Most scores are printed in the bulletin, but our principal hymnal is the 1982 version in the pews. Songs numbered with an "S" first (eg: "S-125") are what we call "service music". All of the "service music" is in the front section of the hymnal. But the score and words are also printed in your bulletin. Proper hymns are a bit farther back in the book and are just numbered -- (eg: #175, etc.)
- If there is any way we can be of help to you during or after the service, please let an usher know. We care!

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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 Gloria in Excelsis S-280 (All Sing)

See following page



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The first lesson, from the book of Isaiah

11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the

OX.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day

72:1-7, 18-19

(Prayed in unison)

Deus, judicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GoD, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

A Reading from Romans

15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,

> "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

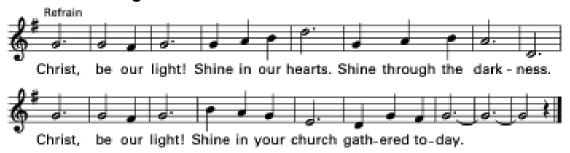
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if your health allows.

Gradual Anthem

"Christ Be Our Light"



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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

3:1-12

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon Pastor James Stanley

The Nicene Creed

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 giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified, who 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 kneel, sit or stand.

The Prayers of the People

Form VI (BCP 392-393)

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who

are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the

needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Paula, our Bishop, and for all

bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your

eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

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

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Please stand if your health allows.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.



The Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

"Prepare Ye the Way, O Zion"

#65

The people's offerings are collected and brought forward to the altar.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Please stand for the Doxology.

Celebrant and People sing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:



Please kneel, sit or stand.

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.

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 has risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

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 pray,

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.

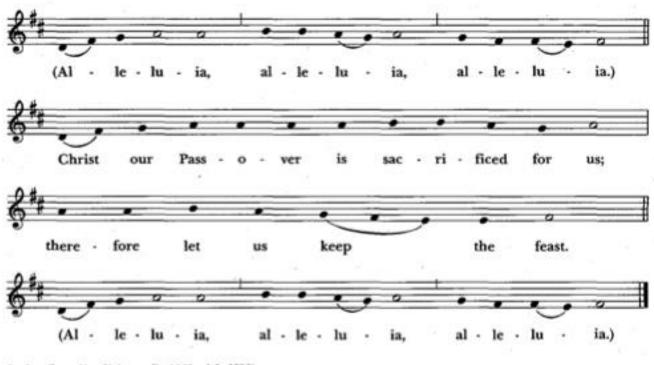
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, then says:

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S 154 The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the wine; or just the bread, as is your need or custom. If you are not a baptized Christian, please know that you are also most welcome at the altar rail. Just cross your arms over your chest for a special prayer of blessing. This is God's place and no one is turned away.

Please let an Usher know if you need the Sacrament brought to your pew.

The Holy Communion Hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

#616

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand if your health allows.

The Celebrant blesses God's people.

People Amen.

The Recessional Hymn

"Soon and Very Soon!" (See next page)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

All are welcome to Castle Hall after the service for coffee hour!





This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3–4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

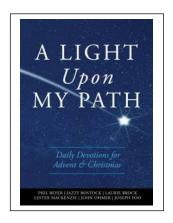
The **Greening of the Church** (decorating it for Christmas) will take place TODAY December 7th, after the service. Stay for a little while, and make it look great for Advent.





Future Daughters of the King meeting will be December 20.

We meet in Castle Hall from 10-11:30. All interested women of the parish may join us for our meeting of prayer, study and sharing. Carla Castle, President Calvary's DOK, Castle Chapter



Marilyn Stein has ordered small daily devotional books for individual use during Advent. They are available in the narthex.

Help yourself to one for free!
We won't have a Book Group meeting in December.

Gessika has created beautiful mugs and t-shirts to use as a fundraiser for Calvary events. Mugs cost \$12 each, and come with bubble wrap and a Thank You bag. T-shirts cost \$15. Please contact the office if you're interested in buying one. You can pay by QR code or put your payment in an envelope and leave in Linda's office.





For more information, contact Robin Currie: robin.currie1@gmail.com

December Celebrations

Birthdays:

Kathleen Betts
Jan Bruesch
Priscilla Elliot
Michael Jancaric
Austin Nolan
Ron Seger
Barb Simmons
Peter Prasad



PRAYER REQUESTS

Calvary Members:

Michelle C., Fran Cole, Rachel Thompson, John Bruesch, Jim, Jan, Nancy and Mick Caspar, Edward FitzPatrick, Francis Mercier, Don Bradley, Jan B., Gwen, Brynn, Kelly, Callie, Lynn L., PK, Amauri, Jayne, Janis Family, Carol Halla, Bill Kendall, Sally McClure, Tammy McClure, Eileen Elliot, Alex, Kyle, Crystal Hacker, Lynda Neely, Jim N., Marge, Carol, Kelly, Tranita, Kortney, Bill, Lynne, Barbara, Janet, Don, Gladys, Cliff Williams, Carol Visney, Debbie Hall, Teri Pizza, Luke, Linda Dixon, Daven Janis, Gladys Smith, and Nicki Jaska

For those who are ill, in need, or experiencing hardship:

Mary Bishop, Beth, Jack Habich, Abram Davies, Salley, Sharon, Coleen, Cora Jo, Jean A., Kaye Veverka, Tom Mockabee, Brian, Karen, Art, Mark, Leah, Kat, Mic, Tuskey Family, Maeann, Kari, Rich, Trever, Bev Madsen, Abby & Family, Rina, Kathleen, Al Thompson, Wayne, Nancy, Ashlee Neely, Larry, Tom Murphy, Emily Hennings, Jim Shannon, Betty Wood, Nicolas Carl, Dirk, MacKenzie, Barbara, Joshua, Ruth, Bette, Doug, Angie B., Mary, Andres, Brian T, Wendy Joslin, Henry, Alex, Cindy S., Sue, Judy Mazzolini, Cal Packard, Stacy, David J., Roger Brown, Kendall Lindenman, Kim T, Rebecca, Blake, Peggy Zeiner, Terri

Repose of the Soul of Martha Lopez and comfort for her family Friend of the family of Jim Filkins

Missionaries:

Fr. Russ & Heidi Smith

For those in prison:

Gary, Bruce

For those in the Armed Forces/First Responders:

K. Mahoney, Alyssa Elliott, Edgar Arellano, Eric M. Casper, Clint, Michael Jancaric, Brian Visney

College Students:

Ian Nolan, Austin Nolan, Benjamin Dakis, Allie Castle, Luke Ceplecha

Please contact us if you are in need of prayers. **Prayer Request cards are in the narthex and the pews, and you can submit them in the collection plate.** Or, if you'd prefer, confidential E-requests are still being offered. Please email Jan or Drew that you desire prayer and they will call you back to pray with you.



Please consider serving Christ and Calvary by sharing in one of our much needed and much appreciated ministries. Please contact Linda Leonard in the office or one of our Church wardens if you are interested. Training and support will happily be provided.

We are in need of coffee hosts. Please contact the office or sign up on the clipboard in the narthex if you'd like to help out with this important ministry.

2025	December 7 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am Advent 2 Greening Church Bless ReVive gifts	December 14 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am Advent 3 Rose Sunday	December 21 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am Advent 4	December 24 Fr Jim Stanley Christmas Eve 3:30 pm Carols 4:00 pm Mass	December 28 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am Healing Service
Opening					
Preacher	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim
Music	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle	Michelle
A/V	Matthew	Peter	Ben	Marilyn	Matthew
Chalice	Nicholas	Nicholas	Nicholas	Nicholas	Nicholas
Pop-Up Chalice	Grant	Grant	Grant	Marilyn	Grant
Old Testament & Psalm	Carla	Carla	Grant	Carla	Grant
New Testament	Grant	Dave	Carla	Dave	Carla
Intercessor	Nicholas	Grant	Nicholas	Nicholas	Nicholas
Ushers (Greeters)	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn
	Carol V.	Carol V.	Carol V.	Carol V.	Carol V.
Coffee Host					
Altar Guild	Barb	Marilyn		Marilyn	Ada C
Altar Flowers	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
Offering Counters	Grant, Pat	Grant, Carla	Grant, Pat	_	Grant, Carla

Ministers of the Liturgy

Priest Father Jim Stanley

Director of Music: Michelle Crouso

Parish Administrator: Linda Leonard

Audio Visual Ministers: Peter Prasad, Matthew

Bambas and Ben Perez

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If you would like to dedicate a Christmas Poinsettia in Thanksgiving for blessings received or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form and return it to the office with your donation. The names of everyone who donates along with their dedications will be included in the Christmas Eve service bulletin. Each poinsettia is \$20, but all dedications will be included regardless of the size of the donation. Donations should be made by December 14 to be included in the bulletin.



Christmas Poinsettia Donations Donations submitted by December 14 will be listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin

In loving memory of	 	
Or in thanksgiving for _	 	
Your name:		
Phone or email:		

Make checks payable to Calvary Episcopal, memo Christmas Poinsettia