

WELCOME TO

Calvary

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

Third Sunday of Advent
The Year of our Lord, 2025, being December 14
Year A

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please remember to wear your name tags.

Prelude

The Call to Worship

The Parish Chimes

The Processional

"Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

#437

Welcome

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Third Sunday of Advent

Leader: O Jesus Christ, fountain of all joy, come and set your people free. Open the gates of heaven for us; come, deliver us from despair.

Leader and People Together: **You, Lord Christ, are the desire of the nations. Rule in peace and justice. And let your joy flood the whole creation.**

The first, second & third 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.**

New to the Episcopal Church? 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 believe, 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



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

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The Collect of the Day

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.**

Please be seated.

The first lesson, from the book of Isaiah

35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go
astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15

Luke 1:46-55

(Prayed in unison)

The Song of Mary - Magnificat

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his
Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from James

5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

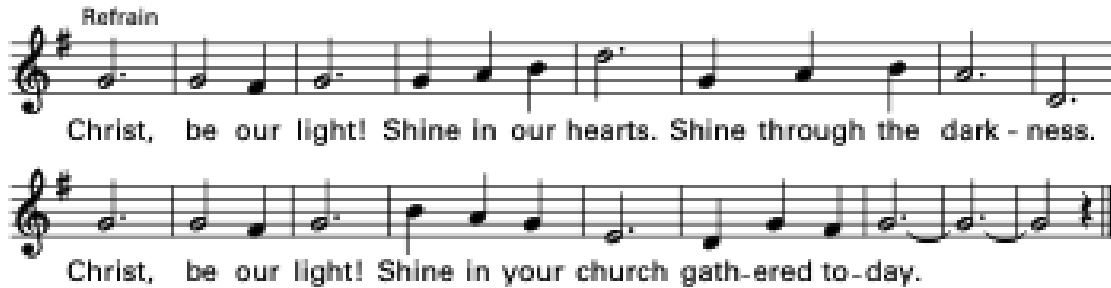
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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

11:2-11

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Father Jim 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

“Blest Be the King Whose Coming”

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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.

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.

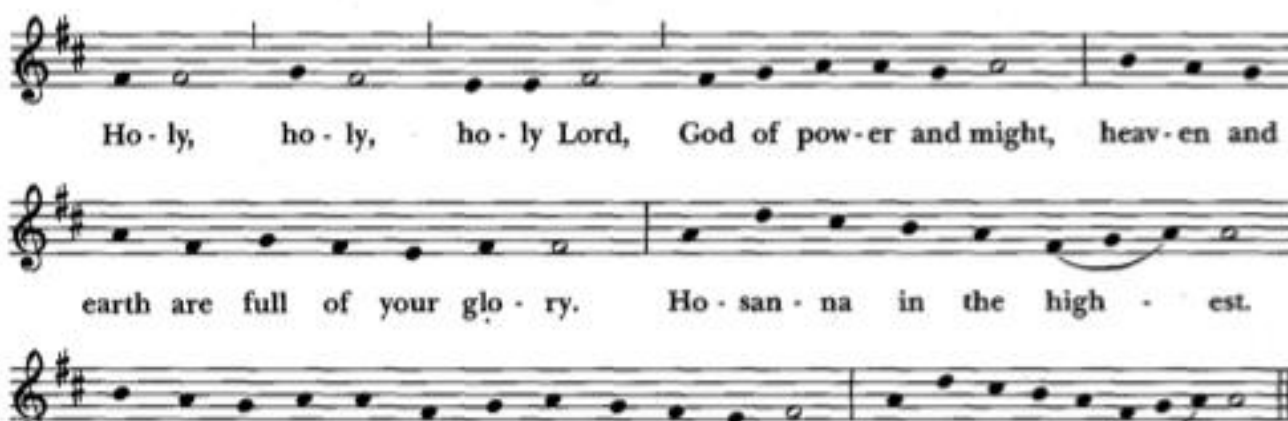
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

The Holy Eucharist II

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Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

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

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!**

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The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - 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: 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

"Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

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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

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers!"

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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!



The following people made donations in memory of Deacon Tom Smith

Kevin Fitzpatrick
Carla Castle
Pat Cekal
Carol Visney
Mike and Jean Flemming
Jennifer Hentrich
Carolyn Crawmer
Peter and Virginia Trusiak
Father Jim Stanley

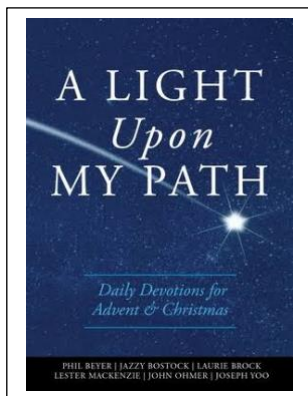
We appreciate them remembering him in this special way!



The next 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.

On January 3 from 10-11:30am, we will be continuing to read *Mere Christianity*. We meet in the Calvary Book Nook.

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.



December Celebrations

Birthdays:

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





THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU!!

To all members of Calvary: A wholehearted thank you for your baking, selling, running and more at this year's cookie walk. It was a big success, we sold out by 5:30 and made \$1550. We could not have done it without your help so thanks to all!





REVIVE Christmas Baskets

My heart was overflowing with gratitude for all that contributed to the Revive's 104th Christmas Basket Program. Our little church took it upon itself to take on 3 families. I can say with certainty that these families will be so happy because everyone really outdid themselves. Your gifts will surely bring joy and a Merry Christmas to these families!!

God Bless You All!

~ Jennifer Hentrich



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

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 Cepelcha

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

The Vestry

Senior Warden:	Ken Pardue
Junior Warden:	Jennifer Hentrich
Buildings & Grounds:	Stephenie & Donald Castle
Events/Outreach:	Gessika Campanati
Finance:	Lisa Pardue
Formation/Education:	Marilyn Stein
Welcome:	Carol Halla

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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 **TODAY** 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