

WELCOME TO



Calvary
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Reflecting Christ's Image Through Inclusive Relationships,
Unconditional Love, and Joyful Service*

Third Sunday in Advent
December 13, 2020

*IF ONE PART SUFFERS, EVERY PART SUFFERS WITH IT; IF ONE PART IS HONORED, EVERY PART REJOICES WITH IT.
NOW YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND EACH ONE OF YOU IS A PART OF IT. | COR 12:26*

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The + symbol invites all to stand in body or spirit.
The † symbol invites all to sit or kneel in reverence.

+ RINGING OF THE CHIMES

For those worshipping in-person, please remember to sing in your heart and not out loud.

PROCESSIONAL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

The Collect for Purity

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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.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy

People: **Christ, have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

61:1-4,8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;

all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Psalm 126

**When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

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 Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son (s)he is worshipped and glorified. (S)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.*

✠ Prayers of Intercession

You are invited to sit or kneel in reverence.

The Intercessor invites our prayers:

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "hear our prayer."

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, where it is dangerous to be a follower of our risen Lord. Protect our sisters and brothers so that they may be faithful in their witness and courageous in their testimony to the way of Jesus;

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all clergy, teachers, and leaders in the church, especially our Bishop, our Vestry, and all those who have taken on leadership positions at Calvary. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give them wisdom, strength and faith to lead as you have called. Center them in your love, and give them your peace;

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the governments of the world and its leaders, may the nations of the world dwell in peace, may good will prevail over strife, and may people of faith freely worship as their hearts direct;

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the poor; that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality, especially within the doors of Calvary;

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the sick and those who suffer, especially Jan, Jim, Gloria, Audrey, Bruce, Harrison, Carol, Kelly and Tom, are there others..... May they find healing for their pain, rest in Your peace, and be restored to fullness of life;

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially the **680** who lost their lives to gun violence in Chicago so far this year, are there others..... let not their families' hearts be troubled. May they find peace in knowing that you have prepared a place for all your children.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our neighbors, that we may live together in amity, and that strangers among us may find us to be hospitable friends;

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our enemies, that their sins may be forgiven, and we find the strength to open ourselves up to your love through your gift of forgiveness.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We praise and thank you for the continued healing of all those who experience your gracious healing. May all who experience your healing find strength to share their story with others.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all those needs still unnamed but placed before you now, either silently or aloud . . . [*A time of silence is kept.*]

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer:

Gracious God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer of Confession

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The Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

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 says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

+ Passing the Peace

Please stand.

You are invited to share a socially distanced sign of God's Peace in sign language.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Are there any announcements on behalf of the community?

The Holy Communion

For those worshipping in-person, please remember to sing in your heart and not out loud.

OFFERTORY

The people's offerings are collected and brought forward to the altar. As we offer all these gifts to God's work, we pray (please stand):

**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. Amen.**

Presider: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And thine own have we given thee.

+ Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

**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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

Please be seated.

**We welcome all God's people, regardless of church affiliation,
to receive the Body of Christ at God's table.**

Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to your pew.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Please let the communion minister know before they hand you bread.

For those worshipping in-person, please remember to sing in your heart and not out loud.

COMMUNION

After all have received communion, the people kneel or sit as we pray:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

When birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated:

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 Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Forth into the World

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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RECESSIONAL

Prayer Requests



CALVARY MEMBERS

Jan B., Gwen, John H, Brynn, Kelly, Callie, Lynn L., PK (Elizabeth), Angelo, Amauri, Jayne (Kellan), Janis Family, Carol Halla, Dirk (Schuurmann), Nancy Casper, Bill Kendall, Sally McC., Lee Davis, Eileen, Alex (Castle), Kyle (Castle), Rocky, Harrison, Crystal Hacker, Alyssa, Lynda Neely, Bruce Schuurmann, Gloria, Jim N., Audrey, Marge, Carol, Kelly, Krystal

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, IN NEED, OR EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP

Leah (Sally), Carolyn (Hansen) Kat, Mic (Neely)Tuskey family, Maeann, Kari, Rich (Jensbys), Trever, Bev Madsen (DOK), Abby & Family (Carla), Rina (Carol), Kathleen, Jack, Kathy, Gwen, Lisa, Mike, Sheldon (Gwen), Ruben Calvillo (Alyssa), Al Thompson (Morrice Family), Richard Sr. (Nolans), Wayne (Gladys Smith), Nancy (Gladys Smith), Ashlee Neely, Brian Herbert (Liz), Larry (Tony S.), Janice Berrier, Tom Murphy (Liz), Emily Hennings (Suzanne, Anthony & Gabrielle Olson (Hock), Jim Shannon, Bett Wood, and Nicholas Carl (A. Pruitt)

MISSIONARIES

Alpha & Yakha Traore, Rev. Pat in Guinea West Africa with Connecting with Love, Fr. Russ & Heidi Smith

FOR THOSE UNDER/UNEMPLOYED

Stephen, Ricky, Michael, Dave

HOME BOUND

Jim H.

FOR THOSE IN PRISON

Gary

FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES/FIRST RESPONDERS

Alyssa Elliott, Edgar Arellano (Cortesi), Cdr. Eric M. Casper, USCG, Clint (Pardue), Michael Jancaric

FOR THOSE INVOLVED AT MAGDALENE HOUSE MINISTRY

Gwen O'L. & Ada C.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Austin Nolan, Hannah Dakis, Phoebe Ceplecha, Kyle Castle, Benjamin Dakis, Ryan Hentrich

Christmas Poinsettias

We will have beautiful poinsettias decorating the altar for Christmas. If you would like to donate a plant in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, the cost is \$16 each. *(Please note "for flowers")*



Supporting our Youth

Alyssa Elliott has been serving in the middle east with the Army National Guard for over 6 months. She would love to hear from her family at Calvary! Please feel free to write her a note or card. Additionally, Michael Jancaric is currently in basic training! Feel free to send him a card as well:

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Daily Devotions



Tuesday Morning Devotional on Facebook Live

Join Marilyn Stein and members of your church family for prayer, devotion and reflection. We will be using Forward Day by Day for our daily inspiration.

Pledge Commitment for 2021

Please remember to return your pledge card if you haven't already done so. The executive committee will begin working on the budget for 2021, and pledges are imperative to creating an accurate budget. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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Through Prayer and Service"*



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