

WELCOME TO



**Calvary**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**The Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
**December 20, 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**

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

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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*

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*

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### ***A Reading from 2 Samuel***

7:1-11,16

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**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 the Book of Romans*

*16:25-27*

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

*Luke 1:26-38*

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

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

*Father Alonzo*



## 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.***

✠ The Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel, sitting if your health requires.*

*Intercessor:*

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

For the peace of the world, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For the Church in every place, for all assemblies of faith, and for the well-being of all people, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For Donald, our President, Joe, our President-Elect, JB, our Governor, Keith, our Village President, and for all others in authority, that they may “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly” with God, let us pray to the Lord, saying

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff, our Bishop, Paula, our Bishop-Elect, Alonzo, our priest, Ken and Jennifer our Churchwardens, for our Vestry, for all Members of Calvary Church, for those who visit and worship with us, and for all those who serve and lead the Church, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For the good earth that God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For the poor, the persecuted, the unemployed and the underemployed, for all immigrants and refugees, for all prisoners and captives, for all who are trafficked and for all in any trouble, for the unloved and the unwelcome, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For the aged and the sick, for the addicted, and for those who are alone, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially remembering Jan, Jim, Gloria, Audrey, Bruce, Harrison, Carol, Tom, and those whose names we now offer in spoken or in silent prayer....., let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For all young people, for all in military service, especially Alyssa Elliott, Edgar Arellano, Eric M. Casper, and Michael Jancaric. For all whose labors add much to our common life, and for those whose needs are known to God alone, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For an end to domestic, gender, and all forms of violence, for an end to injustice, bigotry, and oppression, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For all the +Faithful Departed+, especially for all our deceased Family and Friends, for the departed Clergy and Members of Calvary Church, for those who died alone, and those whose deaths are largely unknown, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

*The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.*

**The Confession of Sin**

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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.*

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**

*Blest Be the King*

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*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.

*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 good and joyful that in your presence we give you thanks, Holy God, for you have included us in creation and made us in your glorious image. You have remembered us from the beginning and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels, and with all the faithful in every generation, we give voice to all creation as we say (sing):

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are they who come in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Most generous, self-giving God,  
we celebrate your gift of creation.

we rejoice that you have formed us in your image and called us to dwell in  
your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and  
reflect your bountiful grace. Through Abraham and Sarah, you blessed us with  
a holy heritage.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up  
prophets that we might realize the fullness of your promise.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;  
we failed to see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you did not abandon us to sin and death,  
but sent Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

United with us by incarnation  
through Mary and the Holy Spirit, and born into the human family,  
he showed us the way of freedom and life.

Walking among us, he touched us with healing and transforming power,  
and showed us your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil and became  
our salvation.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends,  
saying,

“Take, eat:

This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he  
gave it to them, saying,

“Drink this all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the  
forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

In obedience to this command, O God:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death on the cross,  
We proclaim the resurrection to new life,  
We await the return of Christ in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we present to you from your creation, this bread and this wine. By your Holy spirit may they become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may be Christ's Body in the world.

Remember your holy people,  
and, in the fullness of time,  
welcome us into the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters,  
that with [            and ] all your saints, past and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, O God,  
now and forever. *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**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

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*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.**

**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 Blessing**

### **The Dismissal**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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

## **RECESSIONAL**

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

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# 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, Crystal

## **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

*And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.*

-James 5:15

# 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")*

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## 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:

**Cpl. Elliott, Alyssa**  
**135<sup>th</sup> CBRN Co**  
**APO AE 09366**

Additionally, Michael Jancaric will be graduating from basic training and will be home for the holidays!

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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.

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## 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.

*"Showing God's Love  
Through Prayer and Service"*



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## MINISTERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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*Lay Assistant*

*Lay Assistant*

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Sabina L. Lilly

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Events

Joe Latona

Finance

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