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

The First Sunday after Christmas, The Year of our Lord, 2021, being December 26th Year C
The congregation will gather in the parish hall.

The Dedication and Blessing of the Father Donald Castle Parish Hall

Procession to the Sanctuary

The Processional Anthem

Angels we Have Heard on High #96

For Covid safety, all music will be sung by choir only. Congregants are asked to please sing in their hearts, not with their voices.)

Welcome

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of Christmas

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
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.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day
Psalm 147

Laudate Dominum
Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.]
Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
He declares his word to Jacob, * 
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
He has not done so to any other nation; * 
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

A Reading from Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem  
*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* #89  
(sing from your hearts only)

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.
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 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.
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, the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
let us pray to the Lord saying,
**Lord, hear our prayer**

As we pray for all people, and all expressions of faith, and as we pray for the church throughout the world, we pray for Calvary Church, Lombard, St. Mark's Church, Glen Ellyn, and for the people, churches, and ministries of the Diocese of Chicago and The Episcopal Church,
let us pray to the Lord, saying,
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Paula, our Bishop Elect, Chilton, our Assisting Bishop, Alonzo, our priest, Jennifer and Jim, our Churchwardens, for Jan, Jeri, Joe, Drew, Lisa, and Marilyn, our Vestry, for all Members of Calvary Church, and for all who visit and worship with us,
let us pray to the Lord, saying,
**Lord hear our prayer**

For Joseph, our President, Kamala, our Vice President, 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 the good earth that God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to honor and conserve it, let us pray to the Lord, saying, 

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For the poor, the persecuted, the homeless and the hungry, for 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, let us pray to the Lord, saying, 

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For the aged, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially Jan, Jim, Gloria, Bruce, Tom and Don, for the addicted, for those who are alone, for those seeking a church home, and for those whose names we names we now remember in spoken or in silent prayer, ..................................................

let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all children and young people, for all in military serve, especially Alyssa Elliott, Edgar Arellano, Eric M. Casper, Clint, Michael Jancaric, and Brian Visney let us pray to the Lord, saying, 

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For an end to domestic, gender, and all forms of violence, and 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 Andrew McLean, the Husband of our Bishop Elect, and for all Departed Clergy and Members of Calvary Church, especially Father Donald Castle, Ricardo Vidales, Harrison Holm, and for those who died alone, and for those whose deaths are largely unknown, let us pray to the Lord, saying, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

**Celebrant and People:**

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest says: 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 Christ be with you always.
People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Go Tell it on the Mountain
(sing from your hearts only)

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):

Celebrant: All Things come of thee O Lord
People: And of thine own have we given thee.
The Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

It is right, and a 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:

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.

Celebrant:

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 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,

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.

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

Please be seated.

All baptized people, regardless of denominational affiliation, are welcome and invited to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from the love and ministry of Calvary Church.

Please let an Usher know if you need the Sacrament brought to you in your pew
The Holy Communion Anthem
Of the Father’s Love Begotten
(sing from your hearts only)

After all have received Communion, the people kneel or stand, sitting if their health requires, as we pray:

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.

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.
A Blessing of the People of God

The Dismissal

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

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Laying on of Hands and the Sacrament of Holy Unction immediately follows the Recessional Anthem

The Recessional Anthem

*Joy to the World*  
(sing from your hearts only)

The flowers on the altar are given by Father Alonzo Pruitt to the honor and glory of Almighty God in thanksgiving for the Birth of our Lord and having served at Calvary Church.
PRAYER REQUESTS

Calvary Members:
Jim, Jan, Nancy and Mick Caspar, Edward FitzPatrick, The Reverend Deacon Tom Smith, Francis Mercier, Don Bradley, Jan B., Gwen, Brynn, Kelly, Callie, Lynn L., PK, Amauri, Jayne, Janis Family, Carol Halla, Bill Kendall, Sally McClure, Lee Davis, Eileen, Alex, Kyle, Rocky, Crystal Hacker, Lynda Neely, Bruce Schuurmann, Gloria, Jim N., Marge, Carol, Kelly, Tranita, Kortney, Bill, Lynne, Amanda, Ron Berrier, Barbara, Janet, Don

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

Missionaries:
Alpha & Hakha Traore, Rev. Pat in Guinea West Africa 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, Eric M. Casper, Clint, Michael Jancaric, Brian Visney

For those involved at Magdalene House Ministry:
Gwen O’Loughlin

College Students:
Austin Nolan, Phoebe Ceplecha, Kyle Castle, Benjamin Dakis, Ryan Hentrich, Allie Castle, Mason Ceplecha

THEN WHEN YOU CALL UPON ME AND COME
AND PRAY TO ME, I WILL HEAR YOU.
-Jeremiah 29:12
Please consider serving Christ and Calvary by sharing in one of our much needed and much appreciated ministries. Please contact Kate Pierson or one of our Churchwardens if you are interested. Training and support will happily be provided.

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Episcopal Church Men of Calvary

Our Parish mens’ organization, Episcopal Church Men of Calvary meets the third Saturday of each month at 9 am in Castle Hall.

Daughters of the King

The Calvary chapter of the Daughters of the King meets the third Saturday of each month at 10 am in Castle Hall.
December Celebrations

May the abundance of the Love of Christ fill all the days of your life.

Have a Blessed Birthday!

Ron Seger
Michael Jancaric
Priscilla Elliot
Jan Bruesch
Kathleen Betts
Jennifer Ceplecha
Get Well Wishes for Jan and Gloria

If you would like to send Jan Bruesch get well wishes while she recovers from surgery, please send them to the address below:

Belmont Village Senior Living
545 Belmont Road
Jan Bruesch, Unit 314
Carol Stream, Ill. 60188

Gloria Sparrow is doing well and getting physically stronger and her voice is coming back! She would love to receive cards from her friends at Calvary. You can mail them to:

Villas of Holly Brook
722 Stone Bridge Center Drive
Attn: Gloria Sparrow, room 12
Rantoul, IL 61866

Get well Soon
Ministers of the Liturgy

Priest in Charge: The Reverend Canon Alonzo C. Pruitt
Director of Music: Jeri Kellan
Parish Administrator: Laura Waterman
Audio Visual Minister: Francisco Delgado
Sunday School Minister: Victoria Sowa

The Vestry

Senior Warden: Jennifer Hentrich
Junior Warden: Jim Filkins
Buildings & Grounds: Drew Nolan
Events/Outreach: Joe Latona
Finance: Lisa Pardue
Formation/Education: Marilyn Stein
Stewardship: Jeri Kellan
Welcome: Jan Bruesch