

**WELCOME TO**



**Calvary**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**The Third Sunday of Advent,  
The Year of our Lord, 2021, being December 12th  
Year C**

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**The Call to Worship**

*The Parish Chimes*

**The Processional Anthem**

**On Jordan's Bank**

**#76, v.1-3**

*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 the Living God who was, who is and who is to come.*

**People: Blessed be God forever and ever. 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.

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy.

## 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.**

## A Reading from Zephaniah

**3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 9**

**BCP 86**

*The First Song of Isaiah*

*Ecce Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***

**and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***

**from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of  
Israel.**

**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 Philipians**

**4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Anthem**

*Baptized in Water  
(sing from your hearts only)*

*M. Seward/BUNESSAN*

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*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 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 (INSERT THE NAMES OF THE SICK), 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 (INSERT THE NAMES OF THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES)  
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, 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**

*My Lord, What A Morning*  
*(sing from your hearts only)*

*African American Spiritual*

*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 B

S-120 1982 Hymnal

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.

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:

**Celebrant and People**

**BCP 373**

**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:

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;**

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 [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] 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:*

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**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
*(sing from your hearts only)*

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

**Holy, gracious, and loving God, you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink, the Body and Blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth, this day and evermore. 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**

*On Jordan's Bank*

*(sing from your hearts only)*

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# 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:**

Aric, Art, Mark, Leah, Kat, Mic, Tuskey Family, Maeann, Kari, Rich, Trever, Bev Madsen, Abby & Family, Rina, Kathleen, Jack, Al Thompson, Wayne, Nancy, Ashlee Neely, Larry, Janice Berrier, Tom Murphy, Emily Hennings, Jim Shannon, Betty Wood, Nicolas Carl, Dirk, MacKenzie, Jack, TC Nelson, Barbara, Joshua, Barb Teeple

## **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.

	Dec 5 Advent Fr Alonzo	Dec 12 Advent Fr Alonzo	Dec 19 Advent Fr Alonzo	Dec 24, 4pm Christmas Eve Fr Alonzo	Dec 26 Fr Alonzo
<b>Opening</b>					
<b>Preacher</b>	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo	Fr Alonzo
<b>Music</b>	Sabina	Sabina	Sabina	Sabina	
<b>A/V</b>	Francisco	Francisco	Francisco	Francisco	Francisco
<b>Acolyte</b>	Luke C			Luke C.	
<b>Chalice</b>	Ada	Ada	Ada	-	Ada
<b>Old Testament &amp; Psalm</b>	Ada	Carla	Gwen	Carla	Carla
<b>New Testament</b>	Carla	Nicki	Carla		Gwen
<b>Intercessor</b>	Nicki	Nicki	Nicki		
<b>Ushers (Greeters)</b>	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jennifer C	Ada	Kate	Jennifer C.	Ada
<b>Altar Flowers</b>					Fr Alonzo

If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas poinsettia, you may mark your check with poinsettia in the memo or make the donation online indicating that it is for a poinsettia. If you would like to dedicate the poinsettia to a loved one, please also make note of the person's name and we will include it in the bulletin. Poinsettias are \$18 each, but any donation is appreciated.



If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Ceplecha at [jenjenc70@gmail.com](mailto:jenjenc70@gmail.com) or Kate Pierson at [kpierson2011@gmail.com](mailto:kpierson2011@gmail.com)

### **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 the parish 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 the parish hall.



# Thank You

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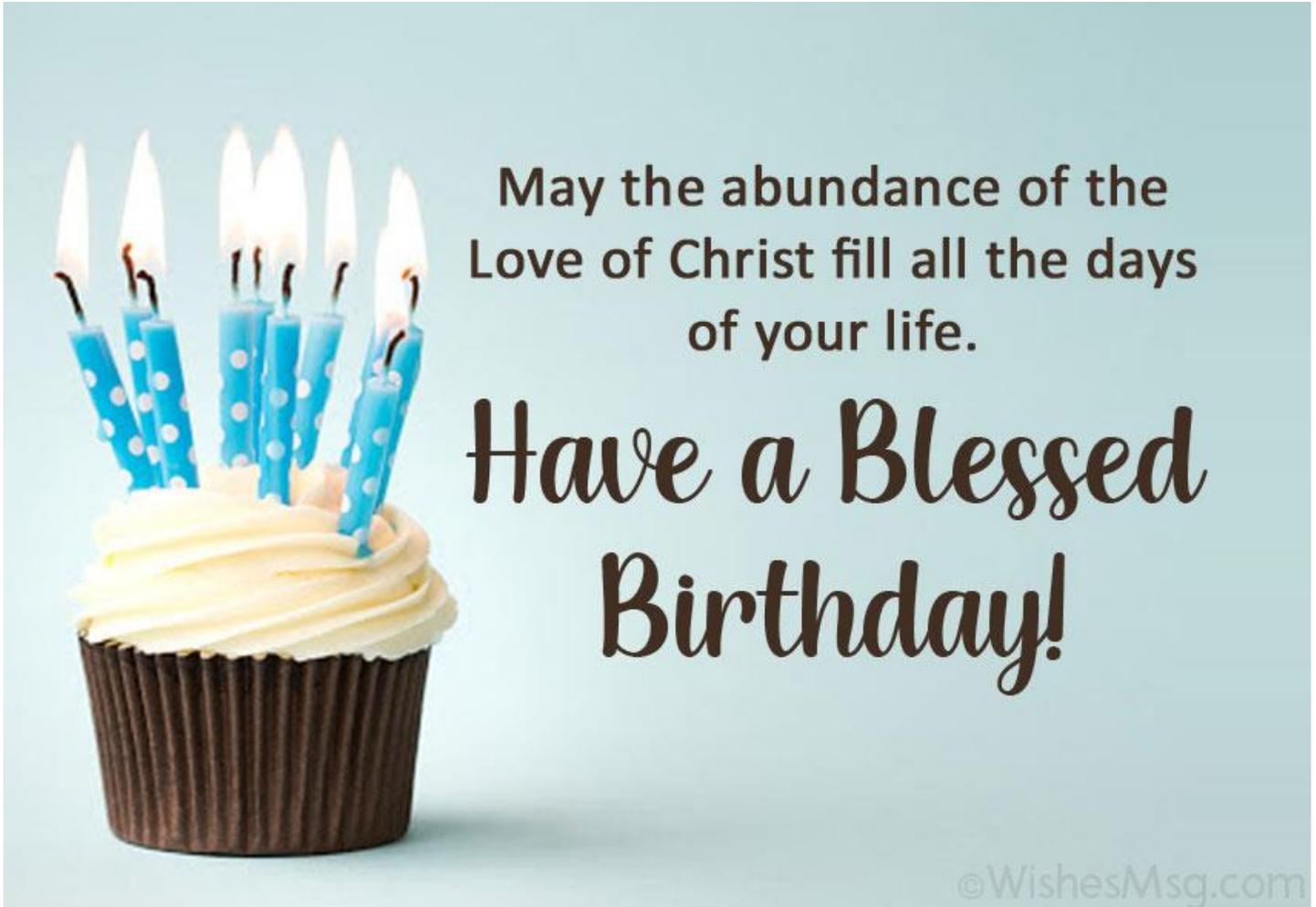
Our 'Cookie Walk Lite' this year was a great success and raised over \$1,000!! Special thanks to masterminds Maggie Nolan, Kate Pierson and Lisa Pardue and to all of our talented elves that baked cookies,

decorated everything and sold ornaments: Pat, Nicki, Sandy, Gwen, Stephanie, Audrey, Joe, Carla, Ruthann and Louise



A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped green the church last Sunday. Including Luke, Jennifer, Dave, Jim, Donald, Maggie, Lisa, Bruce and Tom. Our church home looks beautiful!

# 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**

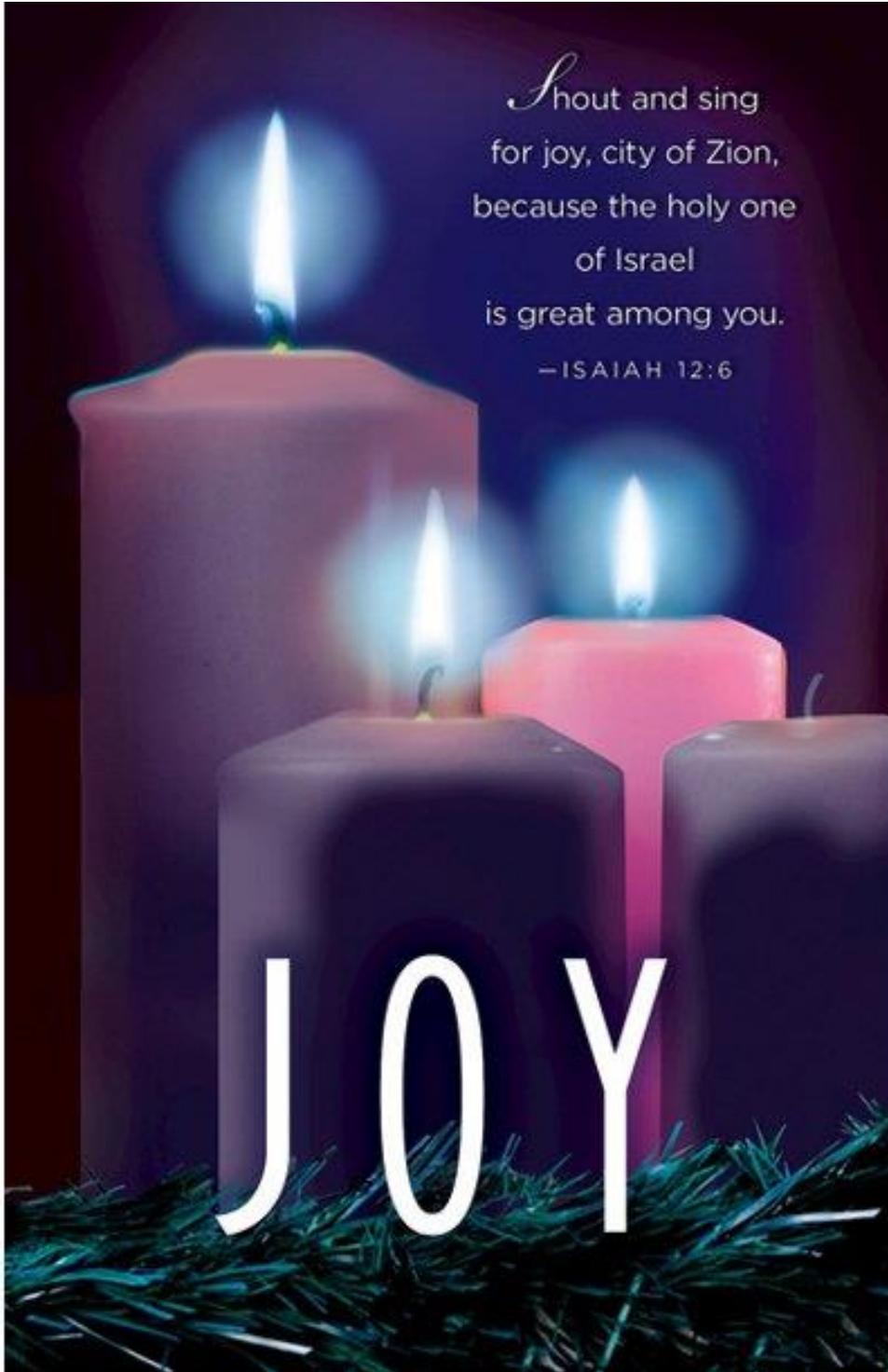
If you would like to send Jan Bruesch get well wishes while she recovers from surgery, please send them to the address below:

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



*S*hout and sing  
for joy, city of Zion,  
because the holy one  
of Israel  
is great among you.

—ISAIAH 12:6

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## **Ministers of the Liturgy**

Priest in Charge:	The Reverend Canon Alonzo C. Pruitt
Director of Music:	Sabina L. Lilly
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