

WELCOME TO

Calvary
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

Christmas Eve
The Year of our Lord, 2023, being December 24th
Year B

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please remember to wear your name tags.

Prelude

The Call to Worship

The Parish Chimes

The Processional Anthem

O Come All Ye Faithful

#83

Welcome

The Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen**

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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A Reading from Isaiah

52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the
nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of
Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our
God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A Reading from Hebrews

1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact

imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if your health allows.

Gradual Anthem

Celtic Alleluia

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The second staff continues with "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" and includes a double bar line with a 9/8 time signature change, followed by another double bar line with a 6/8 time signature change. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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The Holy Gospel according to John

1:1-14

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Jim Stanley, Rector

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.*

Please kneel, sit or stand.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

#96

The people's offerings are collected and brought forward to the altar.

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**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.**

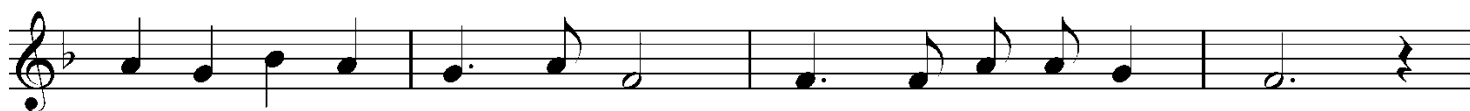
Celebrant:

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:

Celebrant and People Sing



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



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel, sit or stand.

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 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 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, a period of silence may be kept

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. 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 Anthem

Away in the Manger

#101

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please stand if your health allows.

The Celebrant blesses God's people.

People Amen.

The Recessional Anthem

Joy to the World

#100

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude



The beautiful poinsettias gracing our altar
today were donated by:

*Jennifer Hentrich in loving memory of
Hope Smith and Warren Hentrich*

*Grant Iannelli in loving memory of
Audrey, Orlando and Susan (Morrey) Iannelli*

Carla Castle

Marilyn Stein in honor of Roy and Evelyn Stuckey

Ada Carrasco in memory of my son Billy

Carol Halla in loving memory of Vic DiVenere

Pat Cekal in loving memory of James Cekal

Kate Pierson in memory of Marge Stell & Jim Crabbe

Jan Bruesch in loving memory of Robert, Robert, Winifred & John



PRAYER REQUESTS

Calvary Members:

Jim, Jan, Nancy and Mick Caspar, Edward FitzPatrick, The Reverend Celebrant 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 McClure, Tammy McClure, Lee Davis, Eileen, Alex, Kyle, Crystal Hacker, Lynda Neely, Jim N., Marge, Carol, Kelly, Tranita, Kortney, Bill, Lynne, Ron Berrier, Barbara, Janet, Don, Gladys, Cliff Williams, Carol Visney, Debbie Hall, Teri Pizza, Luke, Linda Dixon, Daven Janis, Gladys Smith, Jennifer Ceplecha and Nicki Jaska.

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, Al Thompson, Wayne, Nancy, Ashlee Neely, Larry, Tom Murphy, Emily Hennings, Jim Shannon, Betty Wood, Nicolas Carl, Dirk, MacKenzie, TC Nelson, Barbara, Joshua, Ruth, Bette, Doug, Angie B., Mary, Andres, Brian T, Wendy Joslin, Henry, Alex, Cindy S., Sue, Judy Mazzolini, Richard Rossini, Cal Packard and Pam C.

Missionaries:

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

Home bound:

Jim H.

For those in prison:

Gary, Bruce

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, Benjamin Dakis, Allie Castle, Mason Ceplecha

THE PRAYER DESK IS AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY
FOR PRIVATE PETITIONS



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.

2023	December 3 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am; ReVive gifts	December 10 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am; Greening after	December 17 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am	December 24 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am	December 24 Fr Jim Stanley 3:30 Carols; 4:00 Mass	Mon. Dec 25 Fr Jim Stanley 10:30 am	December 31 Fr Jim Stanley 9:00 am
Opening	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim		Jim	Jim
Preacher	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim	Fr Jim
Music	Holly	Holly	Holly	Holly	Holly	Holly	Holly
A/V	Xavier	Alex	Drew	Alex	Xavier		Drew
Chalice	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada			Ada
Pop-Up Chalice	Grant	Grant	Grant	Grant			Grant
Old Testament & Psalm	Carla	Grant	Carla	Carla	Carla	Carla	Carla
New Testament	Ada	Carla	Grant				Grant
Intercessor	Grant	Marilyn	Marilyn				
Ushers (Greeters)	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn
	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim	-	Jim	Jim
Coffee Host	Kate	Kate, Jennifer	Kate	Kate			
Altar Guild	Kate	Barb	Carol H.	Ada	Kate	Barb	
Altar Flowers		Poinsettias!					
Offering Counters	Pat, Carol	Grant, Carla	Grant, Carol	Pat, Carla	-	-	Grant, Pat



Ministers of the Liturgy

Rector	Father Jim Stanley
Director of Music:	Holly Herber
Parish Administrator:	Laura Waterman
Audio Visual Minister:	Xavier Conde, Alex Perez and Drew Abel

The Vestry

Senior Warden:	Jim Filkins
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