WELCOME TO





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

First Sunday of advent
The Year of our Lord, 2023, being December 3rd
Year B

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please remember to wear your name tags.

Prelude

Creator of the Stars of Night

Solo

The Call to Worship

The Parish Chimes

The Processional Anthem

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A Reading from Isaiah

64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 24
Led by the Choir

Refrain: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, to only you, O Lord; I wait for your return.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. *Refrain*

Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. *Refrain*

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation

Such is the generation of those who seek him of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. *Refrain*

Refrain: Raw Harbor; Simplified Anglicant Chant: Curtis Sisco. Copyright 1991 Curtis Sisco

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if your health allows.



Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

25:31-46

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

Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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.*

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

Christ Be Our Light



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.

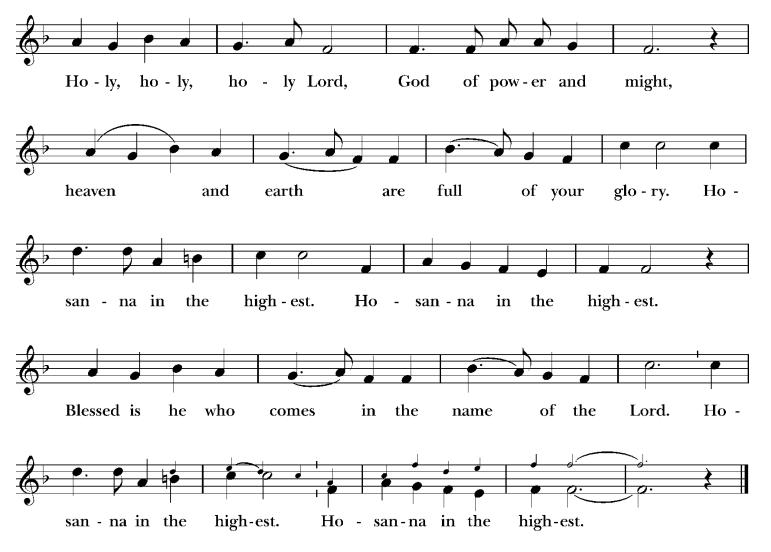
Celebrant:

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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



Music: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

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. Allelulia!

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

Preparen El Camino:

Preparen, preparen. Preparen, preparen. Preparen el camino del Senor, Preparen el camino del Senor

(Transl: Prepare the way of the Lord) Words and Music: Fernando Rodriguez, Copyright 1989 OCP.

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

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

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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



All are welcome to coffee hour in Castle Hall after the service.

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			Drew
Chalice	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada
Pop-Up Chalice	Grant	Grant	Grant	Grant			Grant
Old Testament & Psalm	Carla	Grant		Carla			Carla
New Testament		Carla	Grant				Grant
Intercessor	Grant						
Ushers (Greeters)	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn	Marilyn
	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim			Jim
Coffee Host							
Altar Guild	Kate	Barb	Carol H.				
Altar Flowers		Shamrock poinsettias!					
Offering Counters	Pat, Carol	Grant, Carla	Grant, Carol	Pat, Carla	-	•	Grant, Pat



Advent Bible Study

Father Jim will begin his Adult Formation class **THIS Monday**, December 4th. Bible study starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and will be 45-50 minutes long. We will then end with a ten minute check-in and a service of compline.

Worksheets will be available in the narthex both the Sunday before and the day of. You are welcome to take a worksheet even if you can not attend the class. Please bring a prayer book (or snag one from the sanctuary) and a Bible. (NRSV, Common English Bible and ESV are recommended but it won't hurt to have NIV/TNIV or NASB). You can also access the prayer book online at bcponline.org

And you can access the NRSV Bible online at bible.oremus.org

Classes are scheduled for Mondays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th. After a break for the holidays we will continue on Mondays, January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Christmas at Calvary 2023

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24
9:00 am Holy Eucharist
3:30 pm Christmas Carols
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day Monday, December 25 10:30 am Christmas Mass



Daughters of the King

The Castle Chapter of The Order of The Daughters of the King is next scheduled to meet on Saturday, December 16th. For any questions, please see Carla Castle or Jan Bruesch. All are invited to join us for prayer, study, and fellowship.

ReVive's 102nd Christmas Basket Program.

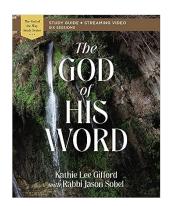


The wish lists for our 2 families of 4 are in the

narthex. If 8 people each purchase one gift, we will have something for each family member. Checks can be made out to Calvary Episcopal Church, with "ReVive Christmas Basket" in the memo line. Deadline for all wrapped gifts or monetary donations is today, **Sunday, Dec 3.** Please contact Kate Pierson with any questions.

Thursday Book Group

The Thursday book group is continuing with: "The God of the Way" by Kathy Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel. We are on the 2nd video study called "The God of His Word" with a study guide accompanying. The group meets at 2 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Janet Bruesch.



Supporting Calvary



Calvary is currently collecting support pledges for 2024 (pledge cards are available in the narthex). The Calvary Vestry will use these promises to decide what we can and can't afford to do next year and create a budget accordingly. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Calvary and grow God's kingdom.

Russ and Heidi Smith

On Sunday, January 14th, at 9:00 a.m, Calvary will welcome guest preachers and celebrant Fr. Russ and Heidi Smith, SAMS missionaries to Chile. Russ and Heidi will share news of God's mission and message in that wonderful country during the sermon and at a coffee hour Q & A. Calvary has



supported the Smiths in the past and we're excited to renew this relationship!

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias are Coming!



Christmas poinsettias will be delivered for the Dec 10 service. If you are interested in contributing for poinsettias, the cost is \$20 per pot. Please designate your donation "Poinsettias" in the collection plate or online. 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."

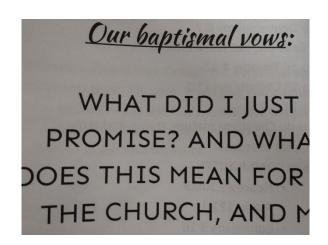
December Celebrations



Kathleen Betts
Jan Bruesch
Jennifer Ceplecha
Priscilla Elliot
Michael Jancaric
Austin Nolan
Ron Seger

Sunday Scavenger Hunt

Each week the Calvary News and Notes newsletter features a picture from somewhere in and around Calvary. This week's clue is on the right. If you do, email the office at office@calvarylombard.org, or call 630-620-8899.



Last week

Jeri Kellan



recognized the pattern on the top of the doors to the church





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

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Junior Warden: Kate Pierson

Buildings & Grounds: Stephenie & Donald

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