

**WELCOME TO
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

**Choral Eucharist Rite II
Book of Common Prayer, Prayer A**

10:30 am

We at Calvary honor our baptismal covenant to “respect the dignity of every human being.” We celebrate the wonderful diversity of the human family and strive to include a place for everyone at God’s table. Whether you’re young or old, rich or poor; married, partnered, or single; housed or homeless; gay, straight, trans, or questioning; native, documented, or undocumented – whoever you are (and just as you are), there is a place for you here. Come, the table is prepared.

Organ Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Opening Hymn

The King shall come when morning dawns
Sung by all, standing as able

Hymnal 73
St. Stephen

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader: Relighting the candles of hope, peace, and joy, we remember this day, our final Sunday in Advent, all the anticipation that has accompanied us throughout this season.

The Reader lights the first three candles.

Today we light the fourth and final Advent candle, reminding us of God's gift of love.

The Reader lights the fourth candle.

People: *John's gospel proclaims that it is because "God so loved the world" that Jesus came. Born into a world that struggles to learn and accept God's love, Jesus teaches us how to live that love in the world.*

Reader: We are Jesus' disciples in the world today, walking in love as Christ loved us. This final candle reminds us that the joy we share as we celebrate the birth of Christ is a gift that began with God's love and care for us. May we continue bearing the fruit of that gift as we also care for one another.


People: *Thank you, God, for sending us the gift of the Christ child. Help us to remember that your love will never come to an end and strengthen us to love others as you have loved us. Amen!*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

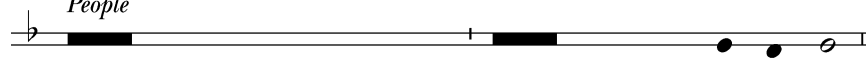
Hymnal S-76

Presider



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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The Collect for Purity

Presider: 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.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have

12
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Have mer - cy.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Collect for Today

BCP 212

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is observed.

Presider: 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson **Micah 5:2-5a**

Please be seated

Lector: You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore, he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

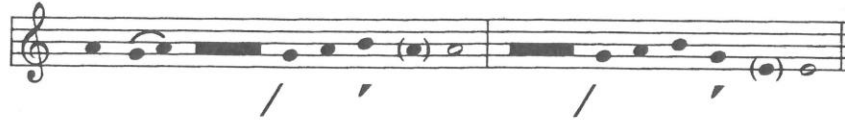
The Gradual
Sung by all, remain seated

Psalm 80:1-7



Stir up your strength, O LORD, and come to help us.

Psalm 80 *Qui regis Israel* *Tone IV.4*



- 1 *Hear, Ö* Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned / upon the chérubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, / and Manásseh, *
stir up your strength / and come to hélp us.
- 3 Restore / us, O Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your counte/nance, and we sháll be saved.
- 4 —/O LORD Gód of hosts, *
how long will you be angered ^
despite the / prayers of your péople?
- 5 You have fed them / with the bréad of tears; *
you have given / them bowls of téars to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision / of our néighbors, *
and our en/emies laugh ús to scorn.
- 7 Restore / us, O Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your counte/nance, and we sháll be saved.

The Epistle
Remain seated

Hebrews 10:5-10

Lector: A reading from the first letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56, vs. 7, 8
Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The Gospel

Remain standing as able.

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. B. Simon Dinglasan, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing as able

EOW 53

Leader: Please stand as you are able and join in reaffirming our faith:

All: ***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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.***

Prayers of the People

BCP 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence is observed

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Lucinda our Bishop, and for all bishops, Simon our Rector, and all other ministers;
People: For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;
especially Brian Landrigan, Dave Meyers, Shirley Mooers, Sarah Peterson, and Isabella & Daniella Salido.

Silence is observed. The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord.
People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence is observed. The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.



Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is observed. The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
Known and unknown,
Things done and left undone;
And so, uphold us by your Spirit
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider: 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

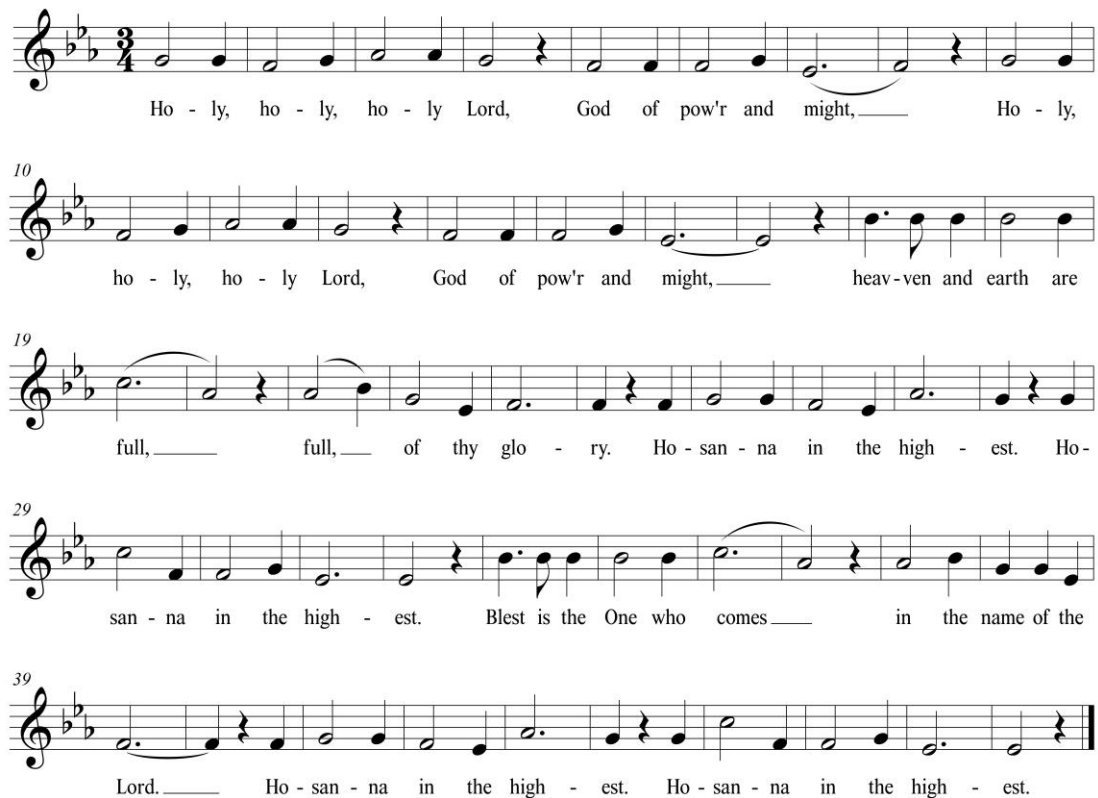
Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Announcements (see Page 13)

Sanctus

Sung by all, standing as able

Hymnal S-130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Ho - ly,

10 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - ven and earth are

19 full, full, of thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -

29 san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the

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

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Presider: 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."

Presider

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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Presider: 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All: *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 Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Silence is observed

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er
 of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the
 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Presider invites the people to Communion.

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.

Communion Hymn
Sung by All

1. Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Hymnal 336
Werdemunter

2. Come and Fill

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) and
Taize Community

Come and fill out hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord are ho - ly.
 Come and fill out hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Said by all, standing as able

All: *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.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able

Blest be the King whose coming

Hymnal 74
Valet will ich dir geben;
Desc. Ronald Arnatt

The Dismissal

Hymnal S 174

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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Organ Postlude

Pastorale in F Major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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TODAY'S MUSIC

Two of the Church's best-known texts in honor of the Virgin Mary originate in today's Gospel reading. *Ave Maria* finds its roots in Elizabeth's response to hearing that her cousin, Mary, is to bear the Son of God. Mary's response to this greeting is, in totality, the *Magnificat*. Hundreds, if not thousands, of musical settings of these texts have emerged over the centuries.

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Calvary Choir presents a Festival of Nine Christmas Lessons and Carols this afternoon at 4:30 pm. In this traditional musical offering scripture passages describing God's saving power from Adam and Eve's transgression in the Garden of Eden, through the Old Testament prophecies of the coming of Messiah, to the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ, are read by different members of the Calvary community. The lessons are interspersed with choir anthems and congregational carols.

Lessons and Carols follows Calvary's Annual Christmas Tea, which begins at 3:00 in the Parish Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YELLOW ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN – This month’s Outreach Ministry is for the Calvary Choral Scholar Program. Through this ministry we place local post-secondary music students into leadership positions in Calvary’s Choir. It is a win-win effort: the choir’s work is enhanced while the students not only learn valuable skills as professional ensemble singers and earn some money, but they also become part of a faith community. Over the years several of our Choral Scholars have moved into professional church music positions.

MID-WEEK EUCHARIST – Calvary began a eucharistic service this past week that offers a break in the middle of your workday for a moment of calm. Join us for a simple Eucharist on Thursdays at 11:30 am. We are a neighborhood church in downtown Santa Cruz and all are welcome in this place! Note: this will replace the weekly Morning Prayer that was offered on Thursdays via Zoom.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Thank you to the 27 pledgers who have committed to a total of \$94,184 for 2025. This is a wonderful start and we are grateful to each of you. Our goal is \$150,000 so we will continue to gratefully accept pledges. There are pledge packets in a basket in the entrance to the church. Together we will “Walk in Love” to support the Calvary community and all our good works. Interesting note: if you are over 70 and have an IRA we encourage you to look into the tax benefits of donating the funds that you are required to withdraw as a charitable contribution that saves you income tax increases from this required withdrawal. Check it out. Wishing you a joyous holiday season!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

Formal Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 22nd, 3:00 pm
in the Parish Hall

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 22nd, 4:30 pm

Christmas Eve Family Service

Tuesday, December 24th, 4:30 pm

Christmas Eve Carol Sing

Tuesday, December 24th, 10:30 pm

Traditional Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 24th, 11:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th, 10:00 am

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 – 1:00

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am Rite I (Spoken)
9:00 am Contemplative with Communion
9:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Choral Eucharist – Rite II
Tuesday: 11:00 am Bible Study (via Zoom)
Thursday: 10:00am Morning Prayer – Rite II
(via Zoom)

(call the office for information on Zoom meetings)

CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby
Bishop, Diocese of El Camino Real

The Rev. B. Simon Dinglasan, Jr. - Rector
The Rev. David J. Jones - Rector Emeritus

STAFF

Murray C. Walker, Director of Music - Choirmaster
Kate Saphir Alm - Organist
Carol Walker - Office Administrator
Edgar Lopez - Sexton

2024-2025 CHORAL SCHOLARS

Gavin Pinnow, Bass
Shruti Singh, Alto
London Swanson, Soprano

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Alex Johnson

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

In our Deanery we pray for our deanery partner church, All Saints' Carmel.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Stephen's, San Luis Obispo; St. Stephen's, Gilroy; St. Stephen's-in-the-Field, San Jose.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda.

DEDICATIONS

The poinsettias today are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Gary, and in thanksgiving for her grandson, Alexander, by Sandy Goodman.

SERVERS

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Blaine Brokaw, Sean Keilan, Ian MacKay,
Patricia Messer, Tony Nickel, Sarah Peterson

Ushers

Sandy Goodman, Alice Lopez, Jane Prough

Altar Guild

1st Sundays

Sandy Goodman, Cindy Hershberger, Sarah Peterson

2nd Sundays

Jane Martin, Chris Perrin, Juli Robbins

3rd Sundays

Tony Nickel, Patricia Messer

4th Sundays

Elizabeth Chandler, Margo Fisher, Liz Wesolowski

5th Sundays

Alternated

VESTRY MEMBERS

	Term Ends January:
Michael Freeman, Sr. Warden	2026
Chris Perrin, Jr. Warden	2026
Patricia Messer, Clerk	2025
Cathy Watson, Treasurer	2026
Liberty Lana	2027
Jane Martin	2027
Tony Nickel	2025
Irene Ribble	2025
Juli Robbins	2027

COMMITTEES

Finance	2 nd Monday, 10:00
Buildings & Grounds	2 nd Tuesday, 3:00
Adult Education	1 st Wednesday, 4:00
Worship	1 st Thursday, 4:00
Stewardship	2 nd Thursday, 4:00
Calvary Cares	1 st Thursday, 11:00
Vestry	4 th Sunday, after 10:30 service