8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite One

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2020

Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church.

Calvary is the home of a community of people who seek to make the church a place of welcome, service, and beauty.

Through the worship and love of God our mission is to:
- make the Gospel of Jesus Christ the center of our life and work;
- welcome all people into our church family;
- love and support one another; and
- actively seek out the human needs in our community, responding vigorously with respect and understanding.

We are glad you are with us today!

As used in this bulletin, BCP refers to The Book of Common Prayer, 1979 edition as amended by the 2006 General Convention, copies of which may be found in each pew rack. Brailled copies of The Book of Common Prayer are also available. Please ask should you desire a copy for this service.

Wireless assistive listening devices are available at the Narthex entrance to the Nave.

Remember to mute your cell phones before services, respecting those in quiet meditation and prayer.

To receive weekly emails concerning upcoming events and notices, visit our website (www.calvaryepiscopal.org) and select “get updates from us” or scan the QR code with your phone.
Prelude  

Finale Andante  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Word of God  
*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria in Excelsis  

*BCP 324*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

Quare fremuerunt gentes? BCP 586

The Psalm is read in unison.

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
   Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
   and the princes plot together, *
   against the LORD and against his Anointed?
3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
   "let us cast off their bonds from us."
4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *  
the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * 
and his rage fills them with terror.

6 "I myself have set my king *  
upon my holy hill of Zion."

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be wise; *  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, *  
and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all *  
who take refuge in him!

The Epistle

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader   The Word of the Lord.
People   Thanks be to God.
Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the son of the living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

All stand.

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 worshiped 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 kneel as able.

The Intercessor says:

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord.

We pray for the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America; and for St. Thomas’ Church, Louisville. Grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.
Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Terry, our Bishop; and Lee, our Priest; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President; Andrew and Eric, our Governors; and Greg, our Mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, and others in the service of our government, at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever they may be.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all who suffer persecution; our brothers and sisters of the food and clothing ministry; all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; and especially those commended to our prayers.

_Silence is kept for a time as the people add their own petitions silently or aloud._

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. _Amen._

**The Confession of Sin**

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_The Celebrant then says_

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

_Silence may be kept._
Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Then the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:12

As the offerings are received, the people stand and the Celebrant says

All things come of thee, O Lord,

People And of thine own have we given thee.
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, ...

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel as able.

Then Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, ...

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People  Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion rail for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Rector of the parish.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.
The People may join in saying this prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant gives the blessing

The people respond: Amen.
The Dismissal

All stand.
The Celebrant dismisses the people.
The People respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

*Hyfrydol* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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**Sunday Ministries**

**LECTORS:** Jamie Hendon, Dade Luckett  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Jamie Hendon, Dade Luckett  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Margaret Dickinson, Cindy Curry, Meg Scharre

*Scheduled ministers for each Sunday should be sent to verger@calvaryepiscopal.org by the preceding Tuesday at noon.*

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**The Flowers**

The ALTAR flowers are given to the Glory of God by the People of Calvary.

*If you would like to give flowers, please contact Jim Barnes at 587-6011, ext. 26.*

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**The Prayers**

*We ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.*

We ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: Amelia, Adela, Louisa Henson, Tom Hill, Lisa, Lynne Lyndrup, Danni McKensie, Jamie McPherson, Mary Sorrell, Brenda Wade, Elizabeth Blackburn Walden, Rebecca, and Spencer.