



# Calvary Episcopal Church

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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Gaudete Sunday  
Year B

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**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!**

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer  
Rector

Dr. Shawn R. Dawson  
Organist/Director of Music

The Opening Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

H59

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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*The Celebrant then says*

BCP 355

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

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

*The celebrant continues*

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.*

**Trisagion**

BCP356

*The Celebrant and the People then say three times*

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP 236

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*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.*

**The First Lesson**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of

the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 126**

*In convertendo*

BCP 782

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## The Sequence Hymn

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

H75

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a\_\_\_\_  
2 O\_\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God\_\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the\_\_\_\_

call from the ways un - trod; Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst\_\_\_\_\_ of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The\_\_\_\_  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they\_\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
feed his\_\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!  
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;  
lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

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**The Holy Gospel**

John 1:6-8,19-28

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

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**

*Form IV, BCP 388*

*Then is said*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may  
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal  
your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*



**The Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest stands and 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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

BCP 361

### Music at the Offertory

*This is the record of John*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*This is the record of John,  
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from  
Jerusalem to ask him,  
Who art thou?  
And he confessed and denied not, and said  
plainly,  
I am not the Christ.*

*And they asked him,  
What art thou then? Art thou Elias?  
And he said, I am not.  
Art thou the prophet?  
And he answered, No.*

*Then said they unto him,  
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.  
What sayest thou of thyself?  
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Make straight the way of the Lord.*

*The Celebrant then says:*

All things come of thee, oh Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361*

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.

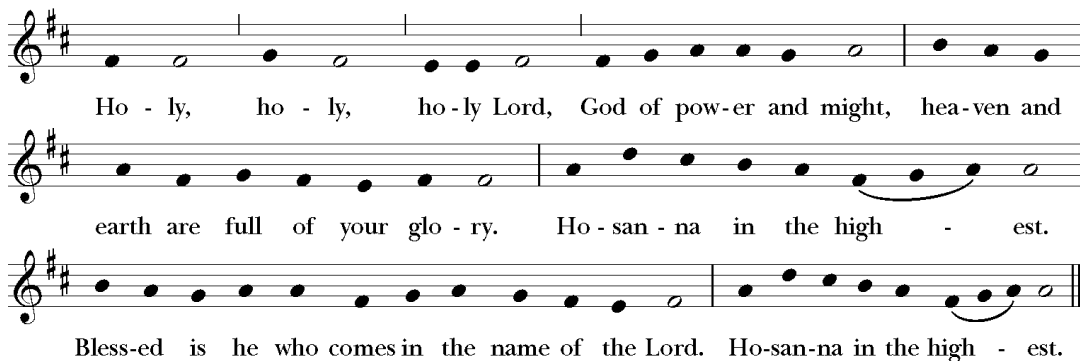
*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

### Sanctus and Benedictus

S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### *The Celebrant continues*

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 is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

*The Celebrant then continues*

*BCP 363*

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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**

*BCP 364*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei

S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*The Celebrant then says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Music during Communion** *E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come* Paul Otto Manz {1919-2009)

*Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed  
us from our sin  
Who loved us all, and shed his blood That we  
might saved be.*

*Sing holy, holy to our Lord  
The Lord almighty God  
Who was and is, and is to come  
Sing holy, holy Lord.*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon.*

*E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun For  
Christ will be their All!*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

BCP 366

Let us pray.

*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.

### The Blessing

#### The Dismissal

BCP 366

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

### The Closing Hymn

*Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes*

H72

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -  
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final three lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) Music: *Bristol*, from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621

## The Postlude

*Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn*, BWV 601

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Altar and Chancel Greenery is given to the glory of God by W. Larry Brown in memory of John E. Cunningham and by Richard and Judy Wilson in thanksgiving for their children, Rosemary, Joseph and Stephanie, Gregory and Allison, and their grandchildren Alyssa, Joseph, Rowan, and Madeleine.

## Choral Music Notes:

**Orlando Gibbons** was an English organist and composer of the late Renaissance. Like Bach, he belonged to a musical family. His father and three brothers were all musicians, and as a young boy he sang in his brother's choir at King's College, Cambridge. He served as organist of the Chapel Royal and Westminster Abbey as did his son, Christopher. **This is the record of John** is his most famous verse anthem. A verse anthem is a genre from the Renaissance which alternates a solo voice with the whole choir. In this case, the solo is an alto (or counter-tenor). Gibbons is quite attentive to the text. His rhetorical repetitions of the "from Jerusalem" and "Art thou Elias?" are written higher the second time for emphasis. He adds many fast notes for "I am not the Christ" as if to emphatically claim in the way John the Baptist may have done. Finally, he reserves the highest note for the word "crieth" in the phrase "that crieth in the wilderness."

**Paul Manz** was an American composer for the organ and chorus. His most famous piece is the Advent motet, **E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come**. Its genesis comes from a demanding time for the Manz family, when their three-year-old son, John, fell terribly ill with double pneumonia. While Paul and his wife, Ruth, gave John twenty-four-hour care, they were inspired to write this piece as a reflection on their experience and a dedication to their son. Paul composed the music, and Ruth wrote the text based on Revelation 22. John recovered and later became a Lutheran Pastor.

### **Organ Music Notes:**

The prelude and postlude this morning are two settings of the German Advent chorale, **Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn**, by **Buxtehude** and **Bach** respectively. As is typical for **Buxtehude's** organ chorale settings, the tune is placed in the upper register and decorated with improvisations while the lower three parts accompany. Each phrase of the melody is separated by an interlude played by the accompaniment.

**Bach's** setting comes from his "Little Organ Book" which contains small chorale settings used as teaching pieces. Typical for this publication, although not exclusive, the accompaniment voices are filled with fragments of imitation with the tune clearly pronounced above.