

Service of Holy Eucharist
The Second Sunday of Advent



December 8, 2019
8:00 AM

Calvary Episcopal Church
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THE REV. NANCY WILKES, DEACON

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

8:00 AM

The Word of God (B.C.P., PG. 323)

Processional Hymn

HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

Hymn # 59

The people standing, the Presider says

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

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

The Presider 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.

Kyrie Eleison

Priest

We are healed and made holy by the mer-cy of God. and so let us acclaim Christ our Savior.

(♩ = ca. 54)

Capo 3: (D) F (A) (Em) (D/F#)(A7)
All F C Gm F/A C7

1, 3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

(D) (F#) (Bm) (Em/G) (D/A) (A) (D)
F A/C# Dm Gm/Bb F/C C F

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The Collect of the Day (BCP pg. 159)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says the Collect.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two lessons, as appointed, are read.

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the

adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, iudicium*

Cantor sings antiphon, then the congregation sings the antiphon.

Verses are sung by the cantor; the congregation sings the antiphon after vs. 3, vs. 5, vs. 8 and vs. 19.

RCL Advent 2A Psalm 72: 1-8, 18-19

based on "Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein" (H82-616)



- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness. *Antiphon*
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another. *Antiphon*
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea,*
And from the River to the ends of the earth. *Antiphon*
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. *Antiphon*

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written,
"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Sequence Hymn (standing)

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

Hymn # 65

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
`Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, `We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lecia Brannon

The Nicene Creed (standing)

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

Advent Prayers of the People

Leader For the church everywhere, that we may be one and that your Holy Spirit may be with us, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For a blessing on all those who seek to be your people; for a better understanding of our faith, that we may follow you more nearly and that we might come to understand the gift and beauty of diversity, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For Michael, our presiding bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our bishops; Lecia, our priest,

Nancy, our Deacon, and the people of Calvary church who are called to be a Light to the world, that we may be given your words to speak wherever we go, and that your will may be done and not our own, we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord have mercy.

Leader

For an awakening of your will for our nation and for our leaders, especially Donald and Greg, and for all in authority, that together we may come to truly understand and rejoice in your will, we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord have mercy.

Leader

For the nourishment of the earth and all people; for the fruit and provisions given to us by you, our Creator; that all the people of the world will come to enjoy the blessings of creation and that there may be an end to all suffering, we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord have mercy.

Leader

For the young and the old, for widows and orphans, for the sick and the infirmed, for the poor and the unemployed, for those who mourn and for those who rejoice; for comfort and restoration for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially, that they may know the power of your healing love, we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord have mercy.

Leader

For prisoners and all who care for them, for captives and all who remember them, for refugees and all who shelter them, and for the hungry and all who feed them, we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord have mercy.

Leader

In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, especially, commending them to your loving hands, we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord have mercy.

Leader

Praising you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory, that their example may inspire and encourage us, we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord have mercy.

People

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Calvary, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession

B.C.P. p. 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution and Comfortable Words

B.C.P. p. 332

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 Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

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 Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

The Holy Communion

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar

THE OFFERTORY *THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS CRYING*

Hymn # 75

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn # 380 vs 3
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer II, B.C.P., pg. 340)

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People
THE SANCTUS

Hymnal # S-125

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

The people kneel or remain standing. The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

741 *THE GREAT AMEN* Hymn #741
1940 Hymnal

JOHN STAINER

Slow *cresc.* A - men, A - - -

A - men, A - men, A - - -

men, *f* A - - - men, *pp* A - - - men, *slower* A - - - men.

f A - - - men, ...

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

At Communion

The ushers will guide you down the center aisle to the Communion Rail where you may kneel or stand.

All who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Bread will be outstretched palm. Wine may be sipped you leave the Bread server will make the



Gluten Free hosts are available for communion. Please make yourself known to the minister at the altar rail.

placed in your After you eat it, the from the chalice. If in your hand, the

Wine available for you to dip the Bread. If you prefer to receive only the Bread or the Wine, or desire only a blessing, you may so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest at the appropriate time. After Communion, we ask that you return to your seats using the side aisles.

Communion Hymn

*PEOPLE, LOOK EAST
HUMBLY I ADORE THEE*

**Calvary Choir
Hymn # 314**

B.C.P. p. 339

Post Communion Prayer (standing or kneeling)

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living 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 Priest blesses the people with the following or similar words,

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Hymn # 616

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given in memory of John Jacobson by the Jacobson Family.

2019 & 2020 FLOWER SIGN UP

The notebook to sign up for 2020 flower offerings in the Narthex.

Please stop by and sign up. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

For more information, call the church office 281-342-2147.

**Adult Formation and Education
2019 Lending Library**

Books on theological topics and interests are available to borrow. They are located in the Parlor. Enjoy!

To Assist You:

- ◆ Listening devices are available at the Sound Board at the back of the Sanctuary.
- ◆ A kiosk for online giving is located through the double doors leaving the Baptistry chapel for use on Sunday mornings. There are online giving cards you can place in the offering plate to acknowledge your gift. A greeter or usher can direct you.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



It is time to order the poinsettias that add to the beauty of the church at Christmas. The suggested donation is \$15 per plant. Please return this form with your check to the church office or drop in the alms basin today. Call Heidi at the church office with questions. (281) 342-2147

Deadline to order is December 16

I wish to order _____ poinsettias. I enclose \$_____.

Name _____

Dedications: To the Glory of God and

In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

Attach extra sheets if necessary

We ask God's healing grace for the current concerns of: Floyd Alexander, Barbara Ambrose , Sammie Bagozzi, Ashley Bull, Mary Ann Carmona & Family, Michael Carmona, Ruth Carrell, John Durfey, Erik Garcia, Josie Garcia, Celeste Good, Chelsea Hagan, Tia Hamman, Patrick Holken, Pat & Gene Hooten, Mary Ann Innes, Ginger Jackson, Rebecca Jiminez, Emily Johnson, Yolanda Lopez, Charlene Miller, Jewlon Morris, Laura Nieto, Tina Nguyen, Soni Oyekan, Margaret Richardson, Nieves Samora & Family, Rosella Samora, Juanita Sisnado & Family, Liz Stephens, Ranti Valdez, Trung Vu, Carol Wagner, Leon Washington.

For the continuing concerns of: David Barnhart, John Bonnett, Chris Bull, Myra Bull, Brett Butler, Jalie Carrasco, Diane Childs, Millie Cordero, Jordan Crowe, Evelyn Deiss, Sally Farnum, Leanne Fleckenstine, Carol Hensley, Tasha Hernandez, Jeremy Hillis, Aggie Kendrick, Ann & Mike Kida, Chris Kilgard, Charles & Brenda Kveton, Jane Lewis, Dorothy Lyons, Trampus Marek, Joyce Matuszewski, Diane McCabe, Kelly Murley, Michael Murley, Rock Owens, Jane Rau, Donald Sessamen, Luther & Jeannette Stacy, Gavin Strimple, Kathleen Sutherland, Katherine Suttill, Flavio, Effi & Thomas Toledo, Kelly Wallis, Mark Warner, Eric Wehner, Sterling Wehner, Kelley Williams, Peggy Young.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace: Danny Metzger

Please keep Dale Butler, Jack Butler, Richard Carrell, Sean Dantimo, Paul Easter, Jr., Tyler Freeman, Alex Iversen, Caleb Kilpatrick, Don Michael, Taylor Moran, Terra Suttill, Ryan Trenck, Jim Williams, Isias Zarta, **and all the members of our armed forces who are serving in peace keeping missions throughout the world in your prayers.**

When sending communion to those that are unable to be with us.

Celebrant and People

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

