

Service of Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Advent



December 15, 2019
10:30 AM

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THE REV. NANCY WILKES, DEACON

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

10:30 AM

The Word of God (B.C.P., PG. 355)

Proclamation

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

(BRIDGE)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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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, 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.**

Children Pre-K (age 4) through 6th grade will follow the cross to Children's Chapel during the following song. They will return during the Peace.

Song of Praise

KYRIE ELEISON

Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubled, people grieve.
See the violence,
feel the hardness
All my people weep with me.

Refrain: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

Walk among them, I'll go with you
Reach out to them with my hands.
Suffer with me,
And together we will serve them,
help them stand.

The Collect of the Day (B.C.P., PG. 212)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Forgive us, Father;
hear our prayer,
We would walk with you - anywhere.
Through your suffering with forgiveness
take Your life into the world

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The Presider says the Collect

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 Lessons

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

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

The Song of Mary, Canticle 15

Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55

B.C.P. p. 91

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
- 4 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 7 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise he has made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Sequence

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word
Jesus, Loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God,
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the Universe, Light of the World
Jesus, Way of Salvation
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,

The Way, the Truth and the Life, Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend

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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lecia Brannon

Musical response to the Word.

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.**

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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 Offertory

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

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. Amen. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B (B.C.P., Pg. 367)

The people remain standing, and the Celebrant says

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.

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:

WE FALL DOWN

We fall down

We lay our crowns

At the feet of Jesus

The greatness of

Your mercy and love

At the feet of Jesus

we cry, Holy, Holy, Holy

we cry, Holy, Holy, Holy

we cry, Holy, Holy, Holy Is the lamb

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The people kneel and the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

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.

The Bread will be placed in your outstretched palm. After you eat it, the Wine may be sipped from the chalice. If you leave the Bread in your hand, the server will make 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.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer team is available for you in the side chapels during communion. .

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

During the ministrations of Communion, please join the Worship Team in singing the following hymns/songs.

GOD MAKE US YOUR FAMILY

The eyes of the blind shall be opened

The ears of the deaf shall hear

The chains of the lame will be broken

Streams will flow in the deserts of fear

Chorus

Your kingdom come Your will be done

Now that we have become Your sons

Let the prayer of our hearts daily be

God make us Your family

God make us Your family

The ransomed of the Lord shall return

The islands will sing His song at last

The chaff from the wheat shall be burned

His kingdom on earth it shall come to pass

The nations will see their shame

The one true God will be adored

They turn from their fortune and shame

His holy mountain shall be restored

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PEOPLE GET READY

People get ready there's a train a comin'
You don't need no baggage, you just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'
You don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord
People get ready for the train to join in
Pickin' up passengers from coast to coast
Faith is the key; open up the door and board her
There's hope for all among those who love the most

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

There ain't no
hopeless
Who would
mankind just to



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

room for the
sinner
hurt all
save his all

Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner
And no hidin' place against the King of All
People get ready there's a train a comin'
You don't need no baggage you just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'
You don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord
I believe, I believe, I believe, I do believe
I believe, I believe, I believe, I do believe
I believe, I believe, I believe, I do believe
I believe, I believe, I believe, I do believe

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray together.

Celebrant and People (standing or kneeling)

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.

FLOW RIVER FLOW

Flow river flow. Flow river flow
Till your love all people know
And by your shores do grow

O Lord you planted a tree
Upon the Jordan's distant shore
The tree you planted was me
And I thirst no more

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.**

Chorus

Not worries but fruit I now bear
As I cast upon you all my cares
There is fruit in each and every season
Born by Jesus your holy Son

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Recessional

LET THE RIVER FLOW

Let the poor man say
I am rich in Him
Let the lost man say
I am found in Him
Let the river flow
Let the blind man say
I can see again
Let the dead man say
I am born again
Let the river flow
Let the river flow

Chorus

Let the river flow
Let the river flow
Holy Spirit come
Move in power
Let the river flow
(Let the river flow)
Let the river flow
(Let the river flow)
Let the river flow
(Let the river flow)
Let the river flow

We ask God's healing grace for the current concerns of: Laura Alishia, Barbara Ambrose, Sammie Bagozzi, Ashley Bull, Mary Ann Carmona & Family, Michael Carmona, Ruth Carrell, Scott Clarke, Jumarko Coleman, Millie Cordero, Abbigalita DeLeon, John Durfey, Erik Garcia, Josie Garcia, Chayito Garza & Family, Celeste Good, Chelsea Hagan, Tia Hamman, Patrick Holken, Pat & Gene Hooten, Mary Ann Innes, Ginger Jackson, Rebecca Jiminez, Donnell Johnson, Emily Johnson, Yolanda Lopez, Helen Machec, Charlene Miller, Jewlon Morris, Laura Nieto, Tina Nguyen, Soni Oyekan, Scott, Tami & Rowan, Margaret Richardson, Nieves Samora & Family, Rosella Samora, Juanita Sisnado & Family, Liz Stephens, Emanuel Valdez, Ranti Valdez, Trung Vu, Carol Wagner, Leon Washington, Debbie Werner.

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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, Isaiah Jose Zarate, **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.



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given in thanksgiving for our anniversary by Kaye and Tom Carter; and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren given by Dorothy and John Lyons.

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!

Because of your kind offerings on Thanksgiving Day, Calvary Church donated \$600 to Helping Hands.

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

