



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

~ where everyone is welcome ~

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

HOPE

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

Psalms 130:5

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Introduction: Week One

Advent is a time of joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord. It is a time of conversion and renewal, a time of watching and waiting, a time of new beginnings, a time to experience the power of God. It is above all else a time of hope, peace, and joy. One of the most beautiful symbols of the Advent season is the Advent wreath.

The Advent wreath carries with it many rich symbols. The circle represents eternity. A circle has no beginning and no end, just as God's love and forgiveness have no beginning and no end. The evergreen symbolizes life, hope, and growth, because it is always green. The candles symbolize the light that the Gospel has brought into the world. With this light we should look into ourselves and recognize our need for the coming of Christ. At this time, we will have the lighting of the first candle.

Reading for Week One

The first candle we light will help us to remember that we always need to watch for Christ's coming. Just as the people waited for the first coming of Christ, we also wait for his second coming. In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus says:

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father... Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Let us Pray: Father of lights, today we begin our time of preparation for the birthday of your Son. May the light of this candle remind us that you have given hope to a people who have walked in darkness. As we look upon this candle may we remember that we are to always watch and wait for your coming with hope. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN 56 - O come, O come Emmanuel (verses 1-3)

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

REFRAIN:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 AGES 5 THRU 5TH GRADE MAY FOLLOW THE CROSS TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL DURING THE KYRIE

KYRIE ELEISON (Chris Tomlin)

1. Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again
2. Who is this God who pardons all our sin
So ready to forgive
You delight to show your mercy (REPEAT)

CHORUS:

For your name is great and your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all you reign you alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy on us now
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy on us now

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 122

I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

A READING FROM PAUL’S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE SONG - Abide With Me

1. *Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the Helpless, O abide with me.*
2. *Swift to its close ebbs out; Life’s little day.
Earth’s joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me!*
3. *I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*
4. *I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.*
5. *Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom
and point me to the skies.
Heaven’s morning breaks,
and earth’s vain shadows flee!
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

SERMON RESPONSE - Change My Heart, O God

<i>Change my heart, O God,</i>	<i>You are the potter,</i>
<i>Make it ever true,</i>	<i>I am the clay,</i>
<i>Change my heart, O God,</i>	<i>Mold me and make me,</i>
<i>May I be like you.</i>	<i>This is what I pray.</i>

THE NICENE CREED (Standing as you are able.)

*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

As we keep awake for the coming of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who prepares a light for our path.

For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all people.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

Hear us, Lord.

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

Hear us, Lord.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian, our Bishops; Ralph, our Priest; Nancy, our Deacon; our Calvary family; and for all the holy people of God.

Hear us, Lord.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

Hear us, Lord.

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

Hear us, Lord.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for those we name now, either silently or aloud. (*pause*)

Hear us, Lord.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially _____ and those we name now, either silently or aloud. (*pause*)

Hear us, Lord.

For those who rest in Christ, especially _____ and those we name now, either silently or aloud. (*pause*)

Hear us, Lord.

For our deliverance from all afflictions, strife, and need.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN (The people may kneel or stand.)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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 (Standing as you are able.)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SONG - 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***

***There ain't no room for the hopeless sinner
Who would hurt all mankind just to 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 (Repeat)***

THE DOXOLOGY

***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 *(Standing as you are able.)*

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. *(Priest adds a proper preface)*

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory (repeat)

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (repeat)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

(The people may kneel or stand.)

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,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

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 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 pray,

***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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

These are 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.



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

***If you have a special prayer need, step into the side chapel after you receive communion,
and a member of the Prayer Team will pray with you.***

COMMUNION SONG 1 - Let Us Break Bread Together

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.*

COMMUNION SONG 2 - Be Unto Your Name

*We are a moment. You are forever.
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, you are eternal.
Love everlasting, reigning on high.*

*We are the broken. You are the healer.
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever.
Bowing before you, blessing your name.*

REFRAIN:
*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor, and glory
Be unto your name,
Be unto your name.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** *(these words may differ from time to time)*

CLOSING SONG - I'll Fly Away

*Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To a land on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away
When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison walls has flown, I'll fly away*

CHORUS:

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away*

*Oh how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joy will never end, I'll fly away (Chorus)*

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (these words may differ from time to time)
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

It's time to order the poinsettias that add to the beauty of our church at Christmas. The suggested donation is \$20 per plant. Order forms are available in your bulletin.

CALVARY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service

10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY AND NEED TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE, PLEASE CONTACT:

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YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING: \$499,350