



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

~ where everyone is welcome ~

1st Sunday of Advent

November 26, 2022

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

HOPE

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
Psalm 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 that can be used 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 Mark 13:32-37 it says:

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the door keeper to watch.

Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming - in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning - lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

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. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SONG - The Lord Most High

*Stand up and clap your hands,
And sing with shouts of joy
How awesome is the Lord Most High
He is King of all the earth;
He's seated on his throne
Sing praises to the Lord Most High*

*Come let us praise him, praise him
He alone is good
Come let us praise the Lord Most High*

*We stand and clap our hands,
And sing with shouts of joy
How awesome are you Lord Most High
You are the King of all the earth
And holy is your throne
All praise to you, oh Lord Most High*

*Lord, we praise you, praise you
You alone are good
O we praise you, Lord Most High*

We praise you, Lord Most High (repeat)

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

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.**

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Together let us pray.
People **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 (See Insert - Response is Thanks be to God)

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH	Isaiah 2:1-5
THE PSALM	Psalm 122
A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS	Romans 13:11-14

SEQUENCE SONG - **I Could Sing of Your Love Forever**

1. **Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the healer set me free**
**I could sing of your love forever
I could sing of your love forever
I could sing of your love forever
I could sing of your love forever**
2. **I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when your love came down**
**Oh, I feel like dancing
It's foolishness, I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Ralph

RESPONSE TO THE WORD - Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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| <p>1. <i>I am weak, but thou art strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.</i></p> | <p>3. <i>When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.</i></p> |
| <p>2. <i>Through this world of toils and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.</i></p> | <p>(Chorus)
<i>Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.</i></p> |

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

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Scott, our Bishops; Ralph, our Priest; Jeremy, our Curate; Nancy, our Deacon, 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.

Hear us, Lord.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially _____.

(You may offer prayers either silently or aloud)

Hear us, Lord.

For those who rest in Christ, especially _____.

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

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 our 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. (*The Peace is exchanged - please maintain social distance.*)

THE OFFERTORY - **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

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| <p>1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found.
Was blind, but now I see.</p> <p>2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!</p> <p>3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.</p> | <p>4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine.</p> <p>Chorus:
My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing Grace.</p> |
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

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. 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:

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.

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.

COMMUNION SONG - Oh God of Mine

*Oh God of mine, I'll have no idols
Oh God of mine, come lead the way
Oh God of mine, I'm greatly humbled
This sinner's heart you came to save.*

*Oh God of mine, through storm and trial
Oh God of mine, through death and grave
Oh God of mine, in resurrection
Your scars display my soul's refrain.*

*Oh God of mine, who holds all nations
Oh God of mine, who saves the day
Oh God of mine, your grace sufficient
And tender mercies new by morn.*

*Oh God of mine, forever faithful
Oh God of mine, forever stay
Oh God of mine, forever after
These eyes upon your face will gaze.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 - Shine Jesus Shine

**1. Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the World shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me**

**Shine Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow, flood the nations
With grace and mercy
Send forth Your Word, Lord
And let there be light**

**2. Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me**

**3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me**

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.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by George & Wendy Doherty
in thanksgiving for our anniversary & Jordan & Michael Crowe's anniversary**

Please Sign Up To Donate Altar Flowers

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

Please stop by and sign up, contact the church office, or sign up online at

<https://www.calvaryrichmond.org/page/Altar%20Flowers>. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

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 or in the Narthex.

For more information contact the Church Office.

**Join us tomorrow morning for Coffee, Donuts, and Advent Wreath making
at the end of the 8:00AM worship service**

The Parish Hall will be set up with everything you need – greens, candles, and festive decorations.

The Calvary family fun starts at approximately 9:00AM, at the end of the early service.

Remember that there is no Sunday School during Advent.

Calvary Giving QR Code





Calvary Episcopal Church

Advent and Christmas

Sunday, Nov. 27 @ 9:00 AM

Sunday, Dec. 4 @ 9:00 AM

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 9:00 AM

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 5:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 9:00 AM

Wednesday, Dec. 21 @ 10:00 AM

Advent 1 - Advent Wreath Making

Advent 2 - Ornament Making with Santa

Advent 3 - Decorating Christmas Cookies

Lessons and Carols (reception to follow)

Advent 4 - Children's Costume Fitting

Greening of the Church - all are welcome!

Christmas Worship Times

Saturday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

Children's Nativity and Sing Along @ 4:30 PM

Family Service @ 5:00 PM

Traditional Service @ 10:30 PM

Sunday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25

Christmas Service @ 5 PM

Saturday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve - No Service

Sunday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day Service @ 11:00 AM

