

# Calvary Episcopal Church

*Calvary welcomes and embraces all who join us in doing the work of Christ in our community.*



## The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, January 28, 2024  
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

THE REV. RALPH B. MORGAN, RECTOR  
THE REV. NANCY WILKES, DEACON

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PROCESSIONAL SONG - Father of Lights

*Father of lights  
You delight in Your children  
Father of lights  
You delight in Your children*

*Every good and perfect gift  
Comes from You  
Every good and perfect gift  
Comes from You  
Every good and perfect gift  
Comes from You  
Father of lights*

*Father of lights You never change  
You have no turning  
Father of lights You never change  
You have no turning*

## 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.***

## GLORIA

HYMN # S-280

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”**

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### THE PSALM

Psalms 111

**Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**

**Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

**His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.**

**He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

**He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

**He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE SONG - Here I Am, Lord**

1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?*

**Chorus:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?*

3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?*

**THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:21-28**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON - Fr. Ralph**

**SERMON RESPONSE**

**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 VI, BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor our Bishops; Ralph our Priest; and Nancy our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially \_\_\_\_\_;

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence - The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

#### **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 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**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

## 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. Amen. Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369

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.***

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



**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.**

HYMN # S-125

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in Heaven  
Hallowed be Your name  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
On earth as in Heaven  
Give us today our daily bread  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, and the power,  
And the glory are Yours now, and forever. 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 1 - Hear Our Song

1. *In joyous surrender,  
With our eyes fixed on You,  
May our lives bring You glory,  
To serve You in all that we do.*

*And Father, hear our song,  
A song of praise to the Worthy One.*

*Father, we have come,  
To offer our lives to the Holy One.*

2. *In joyous surrender,  
With our hearts full of praise,  
We sing of Your mercy,  
We sing of Your love and Your grace.*

*And we live for Your glory,  
And we live by Your love,  
And we sing of Your glory,  
And we sing of Your love.*

### COMMUNION SONG 2 - Give Thanks

*Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because  
He's given Jesus Christ His Son*

*Chorus:  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what  
The Lord has done for us  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what  
The Lord has done for us*

### COMMUNION SONG 3 - Micah 6:8

*He has shown thee O man  
What is good and what the Lord requires of thee  
He has shown thee O man  
What is good and what the Lord requires of thee*

*But to do justly and to love mercy  
And to walk humbly with thy God*

## 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)

## RECESSIONAL SONG - The Lord Reigns

### **1. A fire goes before Him**

***And burns up all His enemies***

***The hills melt like wax***

***At the presence of the Lord***

***At the presence of the Lord***

### **2. The heavens declare His righteousness**

***The people see His glory***

***For You O Lord are exalted***

***Over all the earth over all the earth***

### **Chorus:**

***The Lord reigns***

***The Lord reigns***

***The Lord reigns***

***Let the earth rejoice***

***Let the earth rejoice***

***Let the earth rejoice***

***Let the people be glad***

***That our God reigns***

## 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 Flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the  
Glory of God by Bob, Becky, Bobby and Brad Morris in  
honor of Brooke Morris and in thanksgiving for Brooke's birthday.**

**Please Sign Up To Donate Flowers in 2024**

**Enhance Our Worship + Thank God + Remember A Loved One**

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

**Please stop by and sign up or contact the church office. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.**

**WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

**8:00 AM Sunday - Traditional Service**

**10:30 AM Sunday - Contemporary Service**

**5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service**

**Calvary Staff**

***The Rev. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector***

***The Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon***

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***Kathy Haley, Finance Administrator***

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***Holly Bradshaw, Children's Minister***

***Jose Portillo, Campus Operations***

**CALVARY STEWARDSHIP CORNER:**

**2023 Pledged: \$527,306**

**2023 Giving: \$509,665**

**If you did not pay your 2023 pledge it is not too late to support our ministries!**

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