

# *The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ*



Sunday, January 4, 2026  
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

## **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

~ where everyone is welcome ~

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 128 - We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

### REFRAIN:

O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever, ceasing never  
over us all to reign.

3. Frankincense to offer have I:  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
worship him, God Most High.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
heaven sings alleluia:  
alleluia the earth replies.

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

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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

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.  
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

**A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS****Ephesians 3:1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is

the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SEQUENCE SONG - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1-3, 6)**

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| <b>1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!</b><br><i>Let angels prostrate fall;<br/>bring forth the royal diadem,<br/>and crown him Lord of all!<br/>bring forth the royal diadem,<br/>and crown him Lord of all!</i>              | <b>3. Hail him, the Heir of David's line,</b><br><i>whom David Lord did call,<br/>the God incarnate, Man divine,<br/>and crown him Lord of all!<br/>the God incarnate, Man divine,<br/>and crown him Lord of all!</i> |
| <b>2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,</b><br><i>who from his altar call:<br/>praise him whose way of pain ye trod,<br/>and crown him Lord of all!<br/>praise him whose way of pain ye trod,<br/>and crown him Lord of all!</i> | <b>6. Let every kindred, every tribe,</b><br><i>on this terrestrial ball,<br/>to him all majesty ascribe,<br/>and crown him Lord of all!<br/>to him all majesty ascribe,<br/>and crown him Lord of all!</i>           |

**THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were

overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON - The Rev. Canon Dan Tantimonaco**

**SERMON RESPONSE - Be Thou My Vision**

1. *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*
3. *High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**THE NICENE CREED** (Standing as you are able.)

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*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.*

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian our Bishops; Ralph our Priest; Nancy our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers, including the Vestry, staff, and ministry leaders of Calvary Church;

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

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those we name now, either silently or aloud, and \_\_\_\_\_;

Hear us, Lord;

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

We pray for all who have died, especially those we name now, either silently or aloud, and \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

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

*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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# *THE HOLY COMMUNION*

## THE OFFERTORY - Born Again

1. Well today I found myself after  
searching all these years  
And the man that I saw,  
he wasn't at all who I thought he'd be.  
I was lost when you found me here  
And I was broken beyond repair  
Then You came along and  
You sang Your song over me

### CHORUS 1:

*It feels like I'm born again  
It feels like I'm living  
For the very first time,  
for the very first time  
In my life*

2. Make a promise to me now  
Reassure my heart somehow  
That the love that I feel is so much  
more real than anything.  
I've a feeling in my soul and  
I pray that I'm not wrong  
That the life I have now,  
it is only the beginning

### CHORUS 2:

*It feels like I'm born again  
It feels like I'm living  
For the very first time, for the very first time  
It feels like I'm breathing (feels like I'm born again)  
It feels like I'm moving (feels like I'm living)  
For the very first time, (for the very first time)  
For the very first time, (for the very first time)  
In my life.*

### BRIDGE:

*Wasn't looking for something that was more  
Than what I had yesterday  
Then You came to me and you gave to me  
Life and a love that I've never known,  
That I've never felt before*

## 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 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, 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.*)

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, 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 - Seek Ye First

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| <p>1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God<br/>And His righteousness<br/>And all these things<br/>Shall be added unto you<br/>Allelu alleluia</p> <p>2. Man shall not live by bread alone<br/>But by ev'ry word<br/>That proceeds from the mouth of God<br/>Allelu alleluia</p> | <p>3. Ask and it shall be given unto you<br/>Seek and ye shall find<br/>Knock and the door shall be<br/>Opened unto you<br/>Allelu alleluia</p> |
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### COMMUNION SONG 2 - Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone

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

### 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 HYMN 99 - Go Tell It on the Mountain

1. *While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.*
2. *The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.*

### REFRAIN:

*Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born!*

3. *Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.*

## 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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8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service

10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service

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### CALVARY STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Pledged Amount for 2025: \$561,310

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