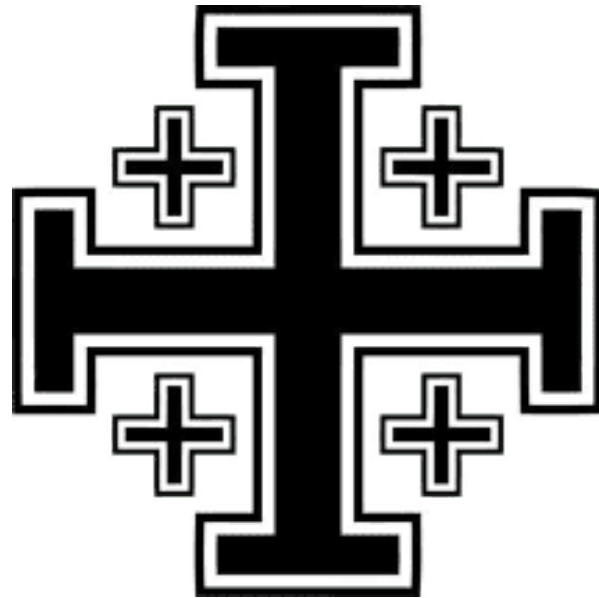


# Calvary Episcopal Church

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



## The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, February 11, 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 - Cannons

1. *It's falling from the clouds  
A strange and lovely sound  
I hear it in the thunder and rain  
It's ringing in the sky  
Like cannons in the night  
The music of the universe plays*

*Chorus:  
Singing You are holy great and mighty  
The moon and the stars  
declare who You are  
I'm so unworthy but still You love me  
Forever my heart will sing  
of how great You are*

2. *Beautiful and free  
The song of galaxies  
Reaching far beyond the milky way  
Let's join in with the sound  
Come on let's sing it out  
As the music of the universe plays*

*Bridge:  
All glory honor power is Yours amen  
All glory honor power is Yours amen  
All glory honor power is Yours  
forever amen*

## 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 SECOND BOOK OF KINGS

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

A READING FROM PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 405 - All Things Bright and Beautiful**

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors,  
he made their tiny wings. (Refrain)
2. The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)

3. The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one. (Refrain)
4. He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. (Refrain)

**THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:2-9**

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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.**

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 - Alleluia (Eightfold)

***Alleluia (8x)***

***Jesus is Lord...***

***My redeemer...***

***Christ our Savior...***

***He is risen...***

### COMMUNION SONG 2 - Let the Fire Fall

1. ***Oh Lord, you look upon this city  
With a heart full of pain and pity  
For the lost and lonely ones  
Who do not love your Son,  
Oh Lord, let your fire fall.***

***Chorus:***

***Oh Lord, let your fire fall.***

***Burn away the sin from us all.***

***Let your Spirit rain down upon all our pain.***

***Oh Lord, let the fire fall.***

2. ***Lord, over this city swing your sword,  
So all may hear and know your Word  
Revive all our souls and make us whole  
Oh Lord, let the fire fall.***

3. ***Oh Lord, we seek your face.  
Pour out upon us your grace.  
Shower us with love  
sent from heaven above  
Oh Lord, let your fire fall.***

4. ***Oh Lord, help us feed the poor  
Your Word so they hunger no more.  
Help us lead and  
feed them in New Jerusalem  
Oh Lord, let the fire fall.***

### 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 - Revival**

**1. As sure as gold is precious and the honey sweet  
So You love this city and You love these streets  
Every child out playing by their own front door  
Every baby laying on the bedroom floor  
Every dreamer dreaming in their dead-end job  
Every driver driving through the rush hour mob  
I feel it in my spirit feel it in my bones  
You're going to send revival  
Bring them all back home**

**Chorus:**

**For I can hear that thunder in the distance  
Like a train on the edge of the town  
I can feel the brooding of Your Spirit  
Lay your burdens down Lay your burdens down**

**2. From the preacher preaching when the well is dry  
To the lost soul reaching for a higher high  
From the young man working  
Through his hopes and fears  
To the widow walking through the veil of tears  
Every man and woman every old and young  
Every father's daughter every mother's son  
I feel it in my spirit feel it in my bones  
You're going to send revival  
Bring them all back home**

## **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  
Glenn and Jeanette Kaminsky in thanksgiving for their Anniversary  
and by Paula Grossman in memory of Roddy Ordeneaux  
and by Dorothy Lyons in memory of Jerry Arnett

**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

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2024 Pledged: \$543,625

2024 Giving: \$94,802