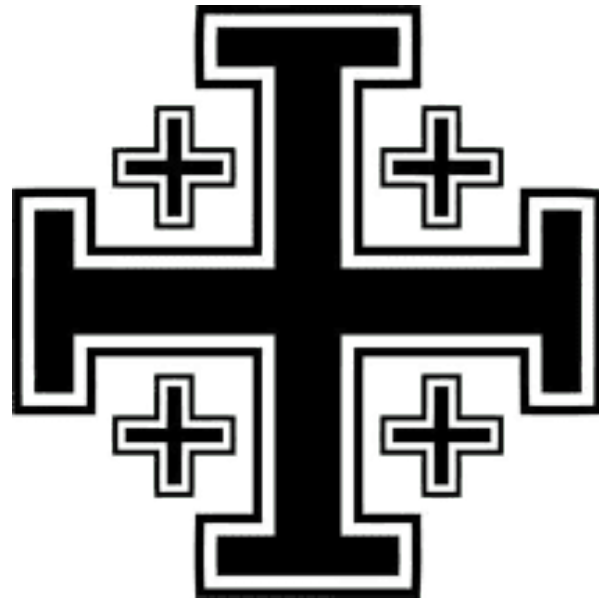


# Calvary Episcopal Church

*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

# **SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE**

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

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PROCESSIONAL SONG - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place  
And He has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s Light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of Life I’ll walk  
Till traveling days are done.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.*

## 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.**

## GLORIA

***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 together.

*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 SONG - Cornerstone

1. *My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name*

*Chorus:*

*Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all*

2. *When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil*

3. *When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne  
Faultless to stand before the throne*

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

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD** - All Who are Thirsty

*All who are thirsty*

*All who are weak*

*Come to the fountain*

*Dip your heart in the stream of life.*

*Let the pain and the sorrow*

*Be washed away*

*In the waves of His mercy*

*As deep cries out to deep.*

*Come Lord Jesus come*

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*Holy Spirit come*

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## THE NICENE CREED

***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

Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

*Silence*

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

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

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Hear us, Lord.

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of our nation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

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

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Hear us, Lord.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

***Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.***

### **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 - Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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.*
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!*
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.*
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.*

**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.*

## 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

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)***

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,

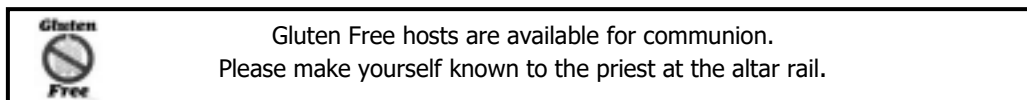
***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For 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.



#### **COMMUNION SONG - On Eagle's Wings**

***1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge  
My rock in whom I trust!"***

***Refrain:***

***And he will raise you up on eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.***

***2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge;  
His faithfulness, your shield***

***3. You need not fear the terror of the night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall around you,  
Near you it shall not come***

***4. For to His angels he's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.***

#### **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 - Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

*Jesus, lover of my soul*

*Jesus, I will never let You go*

*You've taken me from the miry clay*

*You've set my feet upon the rock*

*And now I know.*

*I love You, I need You*

*Though my world may fall*

*I'll never let You go*

*My Savior, my closest Friend*

*I will worship You until the very end.*

**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**

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

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**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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