



CALVARY

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A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

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Let us give thanks to God for all our blessings with our worship & thanksgiving. Restrooms are across Alley A in our Parish Hall. Children are always welcome to worship at Calvary. We also offer a Nursery, with trained and certified caregivers, in the School Building (left of the sanctuary) for children from birth to 4 years old.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

What Child is This?

Riley

Please stand as you are able.

A BIDDING PRAYER

Priest

Dear People of God...

...And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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.

Priest

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

Alonso

The congregation joins on the fifth verse.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re-deem-ing love; for that

5

child so dear and gen-tle is our Lord in heav'n a-bove. And he

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leads his chil-dren on to the place where he is gone.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts at measure 5. The second staff starts at measure 9. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8–15; 17–19

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the garden of Eden.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

CAROL

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

I James

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

Blessed was the day forever when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the savior of our race,
And that child, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.

The carol continues on the next page...

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise the lord,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
All dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of
the Lord, the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, “Be
strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will
come to save you.”

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap
like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in
the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts
where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that
Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor
any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and those the
Lord has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake
them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.



Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

You draw the hearts of shepherds, you draw the hearts of kings
Even as a baby you were changing everything
You called me to Your kingdom, before Your lips could speak
And even as a baby you were reaching out for me

And now we are awaiting the day of Your return
When every eye will see You, as heaven comes to earth
Until the sky is opened, until the trumpet sounds
The bride is getting ready, the church is singing out

THE THIRD LESSON*Isaiah 7:10-15*

God promised that a child will be conceived who will be known as "God with us."

Again, the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right.

CAROL

Emmanuel

Traditional/McGee

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and with your people always dwell.
 Who mourn in mortal exile here, until the lord of life appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come again and with us ever dwell.

O come, O God's revealing word, your voice the Hebrew prophets heard.
 O come redeemer of the slave, the shackled Hebrew you did save.
 And saw that one day war will cease and all creation be at peace.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel. His name is called Emmanuel.
 God with us, revealed in us! His name is called Emmanuel.

THE FOURTH LESSON*Isaiah 11:1–9*

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel
 and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the
 Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with
 righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He
 will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the
 yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the
 ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the
 knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Traditional/Hayes

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.
 It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,
 when half-spent was the night.

The carol continues on the next page...

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright. She bore to men a savior,
when half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us.
And lightens every load.

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26–38

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called[a] the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

CAROL

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1; 3-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

CAROL

Manger Throne

Smith/Wickman/Wood

You could have stepped into creation with fire for all to see
Brought every tribe and nation to their knees
Arriving with the host of heaven
In royal robe and crown
The rulers of the earth all bowing down
But you chose meekness over majesty
Wrapped your power in humanity

Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne
My life my praise everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

You could have marched in all your glory into the heart of Rome
Showed them splendor like they'd never known
But you wrote a better story in humble Bethlehem
Creator in the arms of common men

You will die for our redemption
And You'll rise so we can live

From heaven to the cradle, from cradle to the cross
Let heaven and nature sing
This is our King, but the grave couldn't hold Him
Our God has overcome, let heaven and nature sing
This is our King
All hail the King

My life my praise everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8–16

The shepherds go to the manger.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

CAROL

Tiny Little Baby

Eggleston/Paul

It was a night of many wonders when the Lord came down to earth.
How the angels sang and the shepherds came to see this glorious birth.
He was a tiny little baby, tiny little baby, tiny little baby born in Bethlehem.

Now we’re gathered ‘round the manger to see this precious baby boy.
He came to give us peace and to share his love. Now we sing with Christmas joy!
Jesus was the baby, Jesus was the baby, Jesus was the baby born in Bethlehem.

For love came down to earth that blessed Christmas day,
It was a tiny baby boy who came to light the way!
He was a tiny little baby, tiny little baby, tiny little baby born in Bethlehem.

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1–12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

The reading continues on the next page...

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

CAROL

There is No Rose

Trotta

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

For in this rose contained was all heaven and earth.
Such a wonder to behold, how wonderful,
res miranda [miraculous thing], how wonderful.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

The angels sang with the shepherds below,
singing *Gloria in excelsis Deo* [Glory to God in the highest]
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice!
Gaudeamus, [let us rejoice], now sing we rejoice, rejoice.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Now leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth;
Let us go, let us go, to see the king,
transeamus [let us follow], let's go, your praises we sing.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1–14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

Love is the Reason Why

Rowell/Nitz

See the miracles as they unfold, God himself is leaving heaven's throne;
To be the child that Mary will hold, love is the reason why.
A virgin learns a baby's on his way, Joseph wonders what to do and say;
The angel tells them not to be afraid, love is the reason why.
Hallelujah!

Love is the reason why. We sing glory!
Glory to God on high; what a savior, what a sacrifice;
Love is the reason why.

Lonely shepherds hear the greatest news,
Messiah's here and dreams are coming true;
The choirs of angels fill the sky with proof,
Love is the reason why.

The carol continues on the next page...

Shepherds hurry to the manger first,
Joyfully they start to spread the word;
While Mary ponders all she's seen and hear.
Love is the reason why.

Wise men see the message in the stars,
They drop everything to travel far;
Something's stirring deep inside their hearts,
Love is the reason why.

They bring gold and myrrh and frankincense,
The king is worthy of their very best;
They find the child and they worship him,
Love is the reason why.

God with us, yet he is flesh and bone,
Emmanuel, the perfect one who knows;
The price is high, but he's our only hope,
Love is the reason why.

On the cross he takes our sin and shame,
Pays the debt that we could never pay;
Conquers death and rises from the grave,
Love is the reason why.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Priest May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

CLOSING CAROL**O Come, All Ye Faithful***Adeste fideles**The congregation joins on the fourth verse.*

4.Yea Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn - ing, Je - sus, to thee _ be all glo - ry giv'n;
 9
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing; O come, let us a - dore him, O
 15
 come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, _ Christ ___ the Lord!

POSTLUDE**Glory to the Newborn King!***Larson**All rights reserved. Today's music licensed under One License #A-731928 & CCLI License #1506679.***SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

The Rev. Matt Stone, Rector
 The Rev. Dr. Amy Moehnke, Curate
 Dr. Justin West, Director of Music

The Ensemble

Sun Down Hunter
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 Charlotte Pace
 Pat Robson
 Sally Sanchez
 Jan Stringer
 Terry Stringer

Instrumentalists

Xiaoyi Lin, piano
 Shawn LeSure, violin

Readers

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 Sara Clayton
 Tom Palaima
 Deena Thomas

The Choir

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 Charlotte Pace
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CALVARY PRAYER LIST

For those who have died:

Jack Rhoades
Duane Martin

Healing & Strength:

Helen Weidner
Lee Holland
Cassie Durfee
Mike Goodwin
Amy Weir
Sally Horton
Denise Lincoln
Paula Stewart
Alicia Dawidczyk
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Vicky Henry
Bob Boles
Vella Gregoire
Chris Curtin
James Burke
Scott Martindale
Patricia MacArthur and Family
William (Bill) Sills
Emily Meadows
Julie Hodge
Jennifer Doyle

Long Term

Care/Homebound:

Vicky Henry
Mary Poirier
Myrle Durbin
Connie and Steven Scheid
Alice Hays
Jane Travis
Julie Nelson
Michael Lesy
Ronnie and Mary Kay
Landrum
Trish Bently
Katy
Carolyn Erickson
Ron Rutledge
Darren Rutledge

Discernment & Wisdom:

Kim Kibby, Candidate

***For those celebrating
birthdays and
anniversaries:***

Jeannine & Jim Williams
Drew Sanchez
Claudia Barker
Nancy Beal
Linda Seale
Jay Sneegas
Curtis McDonald
Darian Young
Erin Nix
Kate Hurst
Dominique Barnett
Jane Wright
Will Jenkins
Renee Kilroy
Cris Moran
Helen Rankin
Gibson Lowe

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Major Will McMurrey
Lt. James Reiss
SPC Daulton Royal Robinson
Captain George Jackson
Laughead
RCT Justin Delacerda
AFC Tiernan O'Rourke

COMING UP AT CALVARY

Christmas Eve at Calvary

Join Calvary in worship as we celebrate the birth of Christ. We offer three unique services and all are welcome:

- Contemplative Service - 3 PM
- Family Service - 5 PM (Music Ensemble)
with Nativity Pageant
- Traditional Candlelight Service - 8 PM (Choir)



Christmas Eve Potluck - Tuesday Dec. 24, 5p-8p

This Christmas Eve, you are invited to join your Calvary family for a special Christmas Eve potluck between our 5pm and 8pm services. We will gather in the Parish Hall, the church will provide main dishes and invite you to bring a side or dessert. Merry Christmas!

The First Sunday after Christmas - ONE UNIFIED 10AM SERVICE December 29, 2024

We'll celebrate the continuation of the Christmas season together at one service at 10am on December 29. Calvary's Communications Manager, Diana Small, guest preaches.

Hungry Elders - Wednesday, January 8 at 11:30am

Join Calvary's senior lunch for delicious food, fun, and fellowship. Mingle with friends, enjoy a fantastic meal, and feel the love in our church family. All for just \$10 (helps keep the fun going!). See you there! No RSVP needed. Just come hungry for food and laughter.

Women's Bible Study returns for the new year - Thursday, January 9, 12p-1p

Women's Bible Study takes a holiday break between Dec. 26-Jan. 2 and returns on Thursday, Jan. 9.

Women of Calvary Breakfast - Saturday, January 11

Please join the Women of Calvary for breakfast at the Texas Grill, 101 State Hwy 71, Bastrop on January 11 at 8:00am. An RSVP to Lisa Bortner at lisafromlsu@gmail.com would be appreciated.

Baptism Sunday on January 12 with Baptismal class on January 11

Calvary offers the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, January 12 with a preparation class on Saturday the 11th. For more information, contact the front office or connect with Father Matt or Mother Amy.

Concerts at Calvary presents concert classical pianist, Artem Kuznetsov. - Friday, Jan. 24 at 6p

The new year begins with a Concert at Calvary featuring award-winning, internationally praised pianist, Artem Kuznetsov. This concert in our historic sanctuary is open to the public for a suggested donation of \$20. Reserve your seat for this concert through the link in the Scroll.

Newcomer Lunch - Sunday, January 26 at 12:30pm

New to Calvary? Lunch is on Us! If you're new to Calvary or haven't been to a Newcomers Lunch, you're invited to join us for a relaxed lunch after our 11:15 service on Sunday, January 26. It's a perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, ask questions, and learn more about what Calvary is all about. We'll also give you a tour of our campus so you know where everything is. Let us know you're coming by registering with the link in The Scroll, or calling the church office at 512-303-7515.