

CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple
& Parish Annual Meeting*

February 2, 2025 | 10:00 AM

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SUNDAYS 7:30, 9 & 11:15 AM

Welcome to Calvary! Let us give thanks to God for all the goodness in our lives. 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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Sorenson

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart; I will en - ter His courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!" I will re - joice for He has made me glad.

CHORUS

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He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will re - joice for He has made me glad.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the book of Malachi.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 84

We will pray the Psalm by alternative verse.

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 **The sparrow has found her a house**

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! ***

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 **They will climb from height to height, ***

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 **Behold our defender, O God; ***
 and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
 than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 **For the Lord God is both sun and shield; ***
 he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
 from those who walk with integrity.

12 **O Lord of hosts, ***
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



GRADUAL HYMN S 260

The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis

1. Lord, you now have set your ser-vant
 free to go in peace as you have prom-ised; 2. For these
 eyes of mine have seen the Sa-vior, whom you have pre-pared for all the
 world to see: 3. A Light to en-light - en the na - tions, and the
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. 4. Glo - ry to the
 Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit: 5. As it
 was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.



THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Amy Moehnke

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

People **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.



A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE CHURCH

BCP, p. 578-579

Celebrant Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness. Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

Intercessor People For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,
We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor People For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,
We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor People For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,
We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor People For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.
We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor People For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,
We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor People For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor People For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,
We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor People For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor People For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,
We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor People For the fellowship of all your Saints,
We thank you, Lord.

Celebrant People Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Celebrant People Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;
And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

Please kneel or remain standing as you are able.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 360

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **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.**

Celebrant 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.**

ANOINTING WITH OIL

Those who would like to receive laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing are invited to come forward or notify an usher so the clergy can come to them. Lay Pastoral Assistants will be available by the historic altar after the service for prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP, p. 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM**God of Heaven***Sorenson*

God of Heaven, God of all the earth and sky.
Great Creator, Master of all nature.
Who gives birth to snow from heaven,
Holds the waves at ocean's edge,
Gives the orders to the morning,
Shows each dawn its place to shine?
God of Heaven, God of all the earth and sky.

God of Ages, God who wrote the Book of Time.
Sovereign Ruler, Alpha and Omega.
Saints before, He's guided safely.
History's pages signed by Him.
Author of our days and hours;
Things to come are held secure.
God of Ages, Alpha and Omega.

God of Power! God who breaks the darkness.
Righteous Warrior, Champion of His children,
Goes before us into battle;
Good and evil bow to Him,
Those in bondage freed forever,
Victories won at His command!

God who heals us, God who gives us peace and hope.
God who listens, Carries all our fragile
Dreams and heartaches, wins and failures;
Binds the broken; hides the weak.
New beginnings freely offered;
Who can make us whole again?
God who heals us, God of Power,
God of Ages, God of Heaven,
God of all the earth and sky.

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS - S128

Mathias

Music score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might". The score consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with the first two staves containing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," and the subsequent staves containing "ho - ly Lord, God of power and might," "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who," and "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est."

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

THE GREAT AMEN

Robinson



Celebrant *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us and in the language of our hearts, we are bold to say*

People

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
 en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
 como también nosotros perdonamos
 a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación
 y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder
 y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

THE BREAKING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD & WINE

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Now

Dupree

Now the silence, now the peace, now the empty hands uplifted;
now the kneeling, now the plea, now the Father's arms in welcome; Now the hearing,
now the power, now the vessel brimmed for pouring; now the body,
now the blood, now the joyful celebration.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant 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.

All people are welcome at God's table. You may drink from the chalice by guiding it to your lips or you may intinct (dip) the consecrated host in the chalice or simply consume the host. If you would like a gluten-free wafer you may ask for one or point to your hand with one finger. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 148

In Remembrance of Me

Red

1. In re - mem-brance of me,
2. (In re -)mem-brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

1. done. In re - in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber

too. _____ That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, _____ shed for you. _____ In re - mem - brance of me

search for truth. _____ In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. _____ In re -

mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart _____

— look for God. _____ Do this in re - mem - brance of me. _____

COMMUNION HYMN RENEW 222

Seekers of Your Heart

Tunney/Darnall

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER*BCP, p. 365*

Celebrant Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members and people 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.

THE BLESSING**CLOSING HYMN RENEW 292**

Bind Us Together

*Gillman***THE DISMISSAL**

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Please join us now for the Annual Meeting!

Refreshments are available on the lawn outside and we'll meet back in here shortly to celebrate last year and devote ourselves to a new one.

CALVARY PRAYER LIST

For those who have died:

Clara Doerr
Justin Moseley
Thomas B. Moseley
Mike Palaima
Bill Sills

Long Term Care/Homebound:

Lorelei
Vicky & Boyd Henry
Mary Poirer
Ronnie & Mary Kay Landrum
Carolyn Erickson

**For those celebrating
birthdays and anniversaries:**

Lisa and Sun Down Hunter
Penny Ann Whiting
Christian Chavez IV
Carol Rogers

Discernment & Wisdom:

Kim Kibby, Candidate
Carmen Luna Martindale
Adam Simenc
Liz Cervio
Richard Martinez

Serving In The Military:

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

Healing & Strength:

Jane Travis
Helen Weidner
Lee Holland
Mike Goodwin
Amy Weir
Patricia MacArthur & Family
Alicia Dawidczyk
Bob Boles
Vicky Henry
Vella Gregoire
Scott Martindale
Bill Sills
Julie Hodge
Jennifer Doyle
Connie & Steven Scheid
Paige Laird
Kitty Dudics
Tom Krummins
Eileen Mankin
Lana Jill Botello
Ana Garcia Worley
Tim O'Neil
Barbara Kayton
Beverly Rhoades
J. William Ford, Jr.

COMING UP AT CALVARY

Hungry Elders - Wednesday, February 5 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.



Diocesan Delegates head to Diocesan Council - February 7 & 8

Please pray for Calvary's delegates Sherri DeLeon, Rosa Gonzalez, Karel Moseley, and Pete Peck as they head to Diocesan Council in Fort Worth on Friday, Feb. 7 & Saturday, Feb. 8. Diocesan Council is the annual gathering of elected lay delegates and clergy from across the Diocese of Texas to conduct the business of the Diocese, hear from Bishop Doyle and about how God is calling us to move forward.

Breathing Underwater Book Study Group - Weekly on Wednesdays, Next: February 5 at 5pm

Led by parishioner, Dan Gonzales, all are welcome to a weekly book study to explore Richard Rohr's *Breathing Underwater*, a powerful guide to understanding addiction and finding healing through faith and the 12 steps. We'll meet in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Participants need to provide their own copy of the book.

Women of Calvary Chocolate Dessert Day - Thursday, February 13 at 1pm

The Women of Calvary are invited to a potluck Chocolate Dessert Party to celebrate Valentine's day. Come enjoy chocolate desserts made by all of your friends. We will gather right after Women's Bible Study (which starts at 12pm).

Women of Calvary: Mardi Gras Umbrella Decorating - Saturday, February 22 at 10am

Have you ever wished you had a fancy decorated Mardi Gras umbrella to parade down Main Street on Mardi Gras? The Women of Calvary will help you decorate your umbrella with sequins and fringes in purple, gold and green. You bring your own umbrella to decorate and we'll supply the decorations. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

Calvary Mardi Gras Celebration - Tuesday, March 4 at 5:30p-7p

It's the last night before Lent so let's indulge in a pancake dinner served by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew! Let's welcome Lent with style! At the second half of the night, we will burn the palms from last year's Palm Sunday to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.