



**CALVARY
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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Bible Study
8:45 a.m.

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“Forward in Faith and Mission”

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10 a.m.

December 12, 2021

HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him” (Psalm 34:8).



God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will have to first speak with the pastor before communing.

CALVARY CONNECTION: Please register your presence at worship using the clip boards located at the center aisle end of each pew. If we already have your current address, phone, email, etc., then, just enter your name, communion and or Pastoral call check-offs. Thank you.

✠ Means please stand.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*” #556 st. 1, 5-7



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: “It’s time to have com -
6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther’s will, Was born of vir - gin
7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me, I am your rock and



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of My crown, And bring to
moth - er; And God’s good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay
be my broth - er. His roy - al pow’r dis - guised He bore; A
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And



His right arm the vic - t’ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er.”
ser - vant’s form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.

✠ THE INVOCATION/CALLING

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠ THE CONFESSION/ADMISSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection; please stand or kneel for confession)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father.

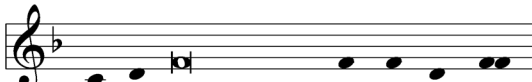
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

† THE FORGIVENESS/PARDON

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

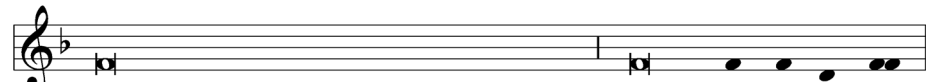
† THE KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



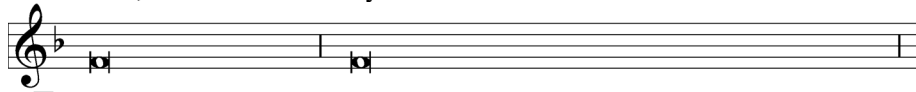
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



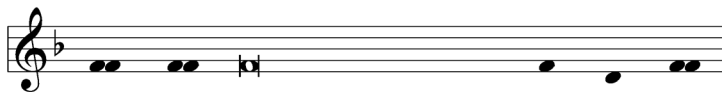
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

L: We praise You, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we look toward the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with Your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Lighting of three candles.

THE HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#357 st. 4

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

PSALM 85 (read responsively)

¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.**

³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

⁴**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**

⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶**Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

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¹²**Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

**Stir up the wills of Your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the
preaching of John, that, rejoicing in Your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of
repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14–20

*(A Prophecy of joy for Judah and announcement of God's coming judgement and
restoration.)*

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your
enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,

a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4–7

(Rejoice! The Lord’s return is near; peace comes when your care is given to God.)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:18-35

(John the Baptist is reassured that Jesus is fulfilling the prophecies of the Messiah.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Once He Came in Blessing"

#333



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

THE SERMON

Rev. Kevin Barron

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED/PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN “*Arise, O Christian People*” #354 st. 1 & 2



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -



heav - en To all the world is shown.
bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.

† **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

† **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

† **WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER;**

BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE

† THE INVITATION

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you.

† AGNUS DEI *“Lamb of God”*

☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Handbells

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

† POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thank the Lord”



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"In Thee Is Gladness"

#818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	Jim Struder
Organist:	Barbara Sommer
Cantor:	Scott Ruhl
Handbell Director:	Amy Crumb
Heavy Metal Belles & Beaus	
Lector:	Ronnie Segal
Children's Message:	Linda Shaffer
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Samantha Shaffer/Emily Shaffer
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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Upcoming Calendar of Holiday Services & Events

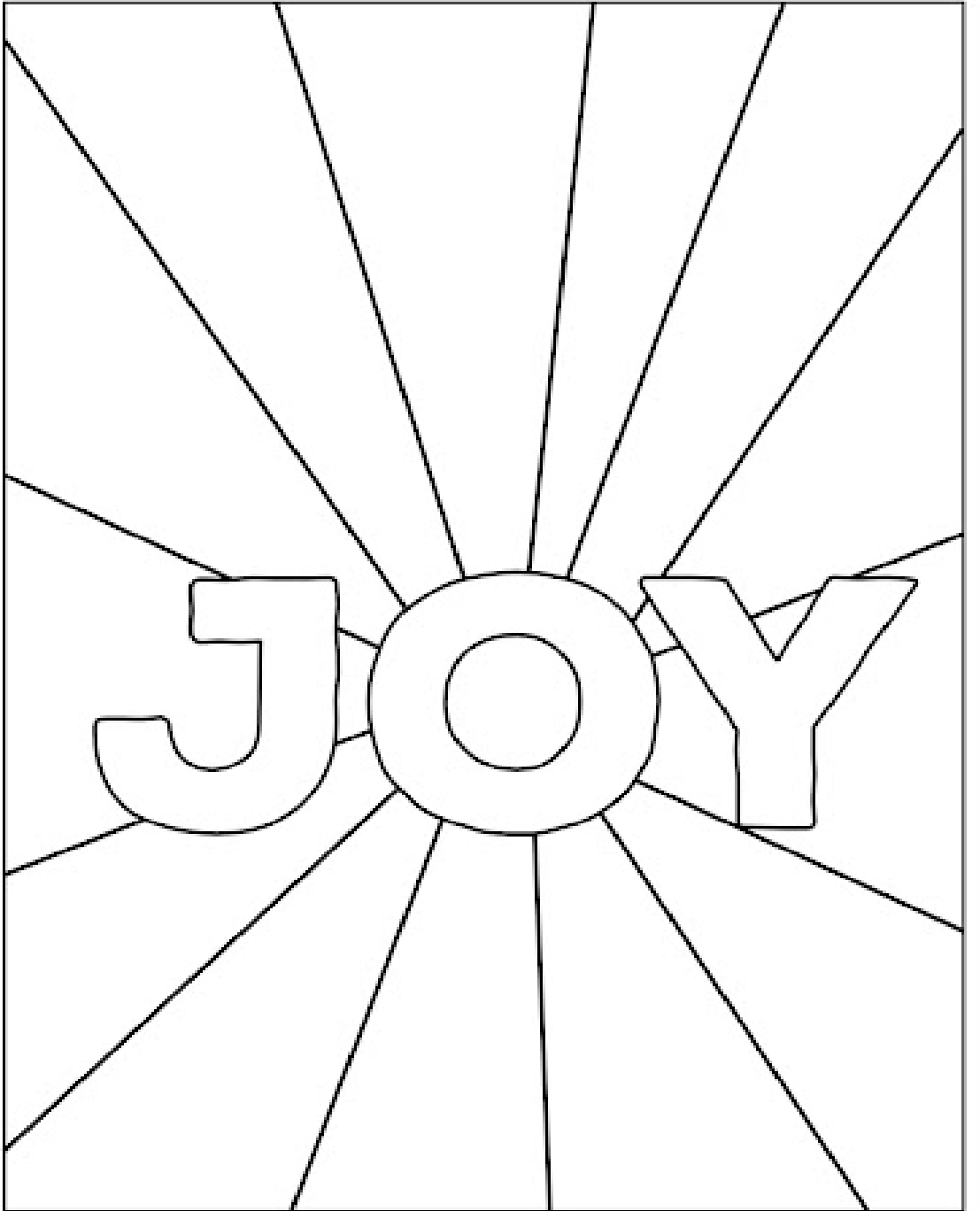
Maryland State Boychoir Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 15th, 7 p.m.

Service of Lesson and Carols, Sunday, December 19th, 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services: Friday, December 24th, 4 p.m. Family Service,
and 7 p.m. Candlelight Service

Christmas Day Service, Saturday, December 25th, 10 a.m.

Birthday Party for Baby Jesus: Sunday, December 26th, 10 a.m.
(Please bring one unwrapped baby gift for a Shelter)



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