

# *The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany*



## **SCOUT SUNDAY**

Calvary is proud to be the Chartering Organization for Scouts BSA Troop 1000 for boys, Troop 100 for girls, and Cub Scout Pack 1000. Our scouts are very active in our community. Scouts BSA provides the scouts with many opportunities to learn practical skills and gain knowledge about the world in which we live. We especially thank the adult scout leaders for their contributions of time and effort to help our scouts grow into fine young adults.

Sunday, February 2, 2025  
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

## **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PROCESSIONAL SONG - The Lord Reigns

1. *A fire goes before Him  
And burns up all His enemies  
The hills melt like wax  
At the presence of the Lord  
At the presence of the Lord*

2. *The heavens declare His righteousness  
The people see His glory  
For You O Lord are exalted  
Over all the earth over all the earth*

**CHORUS:**  
*The Lord reigns  
The Lord reigns  
The Lord reigns  
Let the earth rejoice  
Let the earth rejoice  
Let the earth rejoice  
Let the people be glad  
That our God reigns*

## POSTING OF THE SCOUT COLORS

SCOUT OATH - LEAD BY CUB SCOUT PACK 1000

SCOUT LAW - LEAD BY SCOUT TROOP 1000

## 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.***

DURING THE GLORIA CHILDREN AGES 5 THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ARE INVITED TO FOLLOW THE CROSS TO THEIR OWN CHILDREN'S CHAPEL.

## THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

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.***

## THE LESSONS

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET MALACHI - Malachi 3:1-4**

Scout from Troop 100

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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 84** (read responsively by half verse)

Scout from Troop 1000

**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.**

**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.**

**Happy are they who dwell in your house! \***

**they will always be praising you.**

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

**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

**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.**

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

**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

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

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

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.

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

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

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

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS - Hebrews 2:14-18

Scout from Troop 100

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE 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 will fall  
I'll never let You go  
My Savior, my closest Friend  
I will worship You until the very end.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

HOMILY - Scout Travis Prater and Scout Leader Tom Ferguson

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 SCOUT PRAYER - Lead by Scouts Troops 100 and 1000

**Leader:** A Scout's honor is to be trusted. A Scout keeps promises and tells the truth. Honesty is part of a Scout's code of conduct. A Scout can be depended on to follow through.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Trustworthy.

**People:** ***Behold, there are a man and woman of God in this city, and they are to be held in honor.***

**Leader:** A Scout is Loyal to all to whom loyalty is due; including Scout Leaders, family, and country.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Loyal.

**People:** ***Live as servants of God. Honor all people. Love humankind. Honor our nation's leaders.***

**Leader:** A Scout must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share home duties. A Scout must do one Good Turn to somebody every day.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Helpful.

**People:** ***Do not tire of helping your neighbor; for it is in serving others that you honor God.***

**Leader:** A Scout is a friend to all and like a brother or sister to every other Scout.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Friendly.

**People:** ***A person that has friends must behave in a friendly manner. A friend loves at all times and is an ally in adversity.***

**Leader:** A Scout is polite to all. A Scout must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Courteous.

**People:** *Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

**Leader:** Scouts follow the rules of their family, school, and troop, and obey the law of their community and country.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Obedient.

**People:** *Cheerfully obey those in authority over you; honor your father and mother.*

**Leader:** A Scout smiles whenever possible. A Scout cheerfully does the work that is needed and never shirks or grumbles at hardships.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Cheerful.

**People:** *Be of cheerful heart and you will experience the joy of God's grace.*

**Leader:** Scouts work faithfully, waste nothing, and make the best of their opportunities. Scouts save their money and pay their own way. A Scout protects and conserves natural resources.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Thrifty.

**People:** *One who is faithful in little is faithful also in much.*

**Leader:** A Scout has the courage to face danger even when afraid, and to stand up for justice against the scorn or threats of others.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Brave.

**People:** *Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for God is with you wherever you go.*

**Leader:** A Scout keeps clean and fit in body and in mind and keeps home and community clean. A Scout keeps company with those who live by high standards.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Clean.

**People:** *Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart.*

**Leader:** A Scout is reverent towards God. A Scout is faithful in his or her religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

**Scouts:** A Scout is Reverent.

**People:** *Love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*

After the Scout Prayer, Deacon Nancy will lead the congregation in the following prayers:

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially \_\_\_\_\_; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

#### 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;***

HYMN # S-125

***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, 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.***

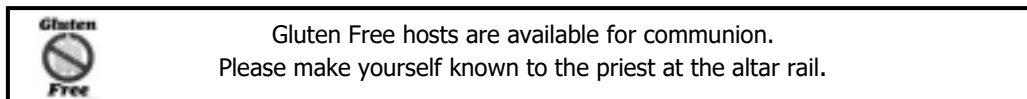
***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

#### **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 1 - Jesus, Lord Over All**

**1. Be the reason I live**

***Be my quest my constant vision***

***Be the water I drink***

***The treasure I seek more than gold***

**2. Be the fire in my heart**

***My consuming love and passion***

***Be the air that I breathe***

***The song that I sing from my heart and soul***

**3. You're the reason I live**

***You're my quest my constant vision***

***You're the water I drink***

***The treasure I seek more than gold***

**4. You're the fire in my heart**

***My consuming love and passion***

***You're the air that I breathe***

***The song that I sing from my heart and soul***

**CHORUS:**

***Jesus, Lord over all***

***Be the Lord over me***

***Jesus drawn to this altar I come***

***Here is my heart***

***May Your will be done in me***

**COMMUNION SONG 2 - I Love You, Lord**

I love You, Lord and I lift my voice  
To worship You O my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King, in what You hear  
May it be a sweet sweet sound in Your ear

Singing alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise and worship to Your name.  
Singing alleluia, alleluia,  
Praise and worship to Your name.

**COMMUNION SONG 3 - Change My Heart, Oh God**

Change my heart, O God,  
Make it ever true,  
Change my heart, O God,  
May I be like you.

You are the potter,  
I am the clay,  
Mold me and make me,  
This is what I say.

**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 - Let It Rise**

Let the glory of the Lord  
Rise among us  
Let the glory of the Lord  
Rise among us  
Let the praises of the King  
Rise among us  
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord  
Rise among us  
Let the songs of the Lord  
Rise among us  
Let the joy of the King  
Rise among us  
Let it rise  
Oh let it rise Oh let it rise

**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.**

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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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