Calvary Episcopal Church

Indian Rocks Beach, FL

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026



Mark 13 Triumph of Christianity over paganism by Gustave Dore

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II



The Rector's Welcome

Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church! Please know that you are a blessing to us by being present today.

This congregation has been worshipping in Indian Rocks Beach since 1962. By worshipping with us today, you are becoming part of this vibrant tradition of prayer and praise.

The purpose of Christian worship is to proclaim the wonderful redeeming works of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We do this by proclaiming God's Word in Holy Scripture, praying for the world and ourselves, and most importantly, gathering around the altar to celebrate the real presence of Jesus through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our prayer is that you will join this growing Parish family and become part of our mission to "Know Christ and make Him known."

You can learn more about Calvary by contacting our Church Office or speaking with me or a member of our Vestry before you leave today. For the latest news events, please visit our website (calvaryirb.org) and subscribe to receive our weekly Newsletter.

May God bless your time with us, and may you feel the power of His redeeming love and embrace.

Yours in Christ,

Father Jon Roberts +

The Rev. Jon Roberts
Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church

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OFFERING

The Sunday Customary
Order of Service
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:00 AM

Supplemental Resources you may use today:
Book of Common Prayer (BCP - Red Book) & **Hymnal** (Blue Book)

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Carson Cooman

Processional Hymn *Come thou long expected Jesus* **Hymn #66**

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Decalogue: Contemporary

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Confession of Sin

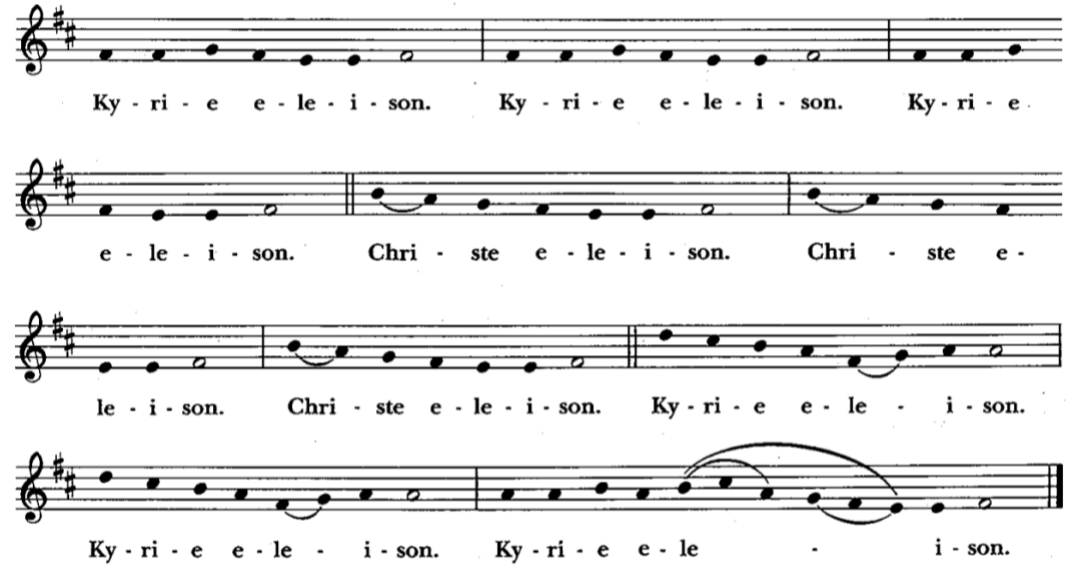
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, . . .

All: ... 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.*

Kyrie eleison **Hymn S-86**



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS - *The people sit.*

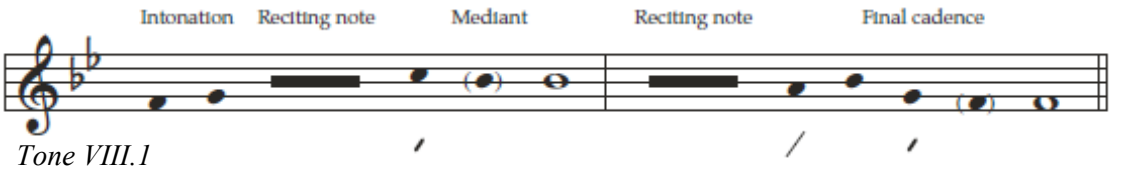
The First Lesson (Isaiah 64:1-9)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O THAT you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

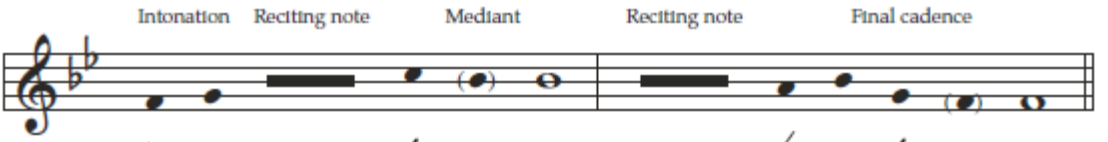
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*



Tone VIII.1

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- / on the chérubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manásseh, *
stir up your strength and / come to hélp us.
3 Restore us, O Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and / we shall bé saved.
4 O LORD Gód of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers / of your péople?



Tone VIII.1

5 You have fed them with the bréad of tears; *
you have given them / bowls of téars to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our néighbors, *
and our enemies / laugh us tó scorn.
7 Restore us, O Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and / we shall bé saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your ríght hand, *
the son of man you have made / so strong fór yourself.
17 And so will we never turn awáy from you; *
give us life, that we may / call upón your Name.
18 Restore us, O LORD Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and / we shall bé saved.

The Epistle (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

GRACE to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn *Savior of the nations, come* **Hymn #54**

The Holy Gospel (Mark 13:24-37)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.✠
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

JESUS said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be

shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon **The Rev. Jon Roberts**

Nicene Creed *(All stand, if able)*

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.

Prayers of the People Form I

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For our Bishop, Priest, and Deacon and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Jim Widell and Jolene Talty let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem *Creator of the stars of night* Anonymous 7th Century

The Sunday donations/offerings are collected during this time by the Ushers. A plate will be circulated for all forms of giving. The Church needs your generosity in order to provide the message of Christ to the world.

The Oblations and Offerings are brought forward during the Doxology. Please stand.

Doxology *Old 100th* – Isaac Watts **Hymn 380 (vs.3)**

2027 Pledges are brought forth by each family.

All: *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

The Great Thanksgiving ***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.**

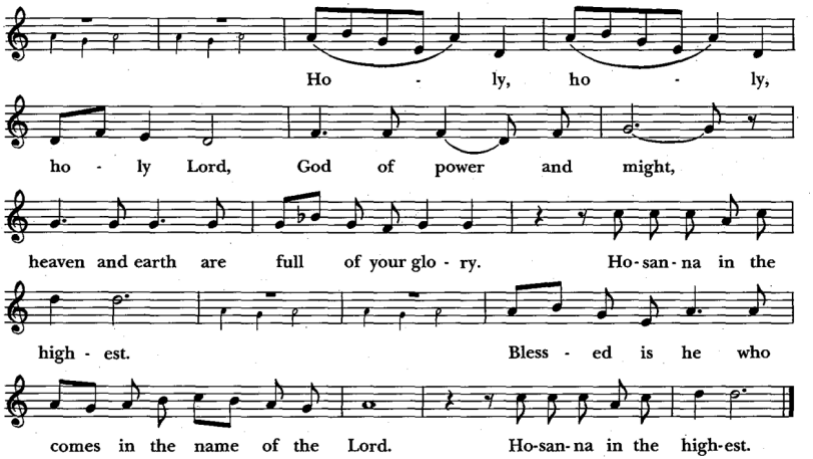
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

The Proper Preface -said by Celebrant

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

Sanctus *– sung by all* **Hymn S-128**



Celebrant: 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."✠

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant: 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever.

People: **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

Agnes Dei **Hymn S-164**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world;
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 Baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Please protect the sanctity of the common cup. Self-intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not our practice.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. ***Amen.***
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. ***Amen.***

Communion Hymn *Let us break bread together* **Hymn #325**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. Eternal God, . . .

All: 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.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending* **Hymn #57**

Postlude Dr. Gabriel Johnston

Our practice is to remain seated and to listen to God through the hearing of the postlude. Allow God's Word & Sacrament to transform your being. This is an active way to worship. Please resist applause as it does not conform to appropriate worship.

Those Serving Today

Celebrant: Fr. Jon Roberts	Organist & Choir Director: Dr. Gabriel Johnston
LEM: Karen LaCorte-Nies	Calvary Choir and Bells
Reader: Lynne Roberts	Vestry Lead: Bob Angelo
Prayers of the People: Bob Lima	Hospitality: Patti & Ed Kloskowski

Birthdays & Anniversaries: James Widell (4), Jolene Talty (5).
If your birthday or anniversary was inadvertently left out, please let us know so we may correct.

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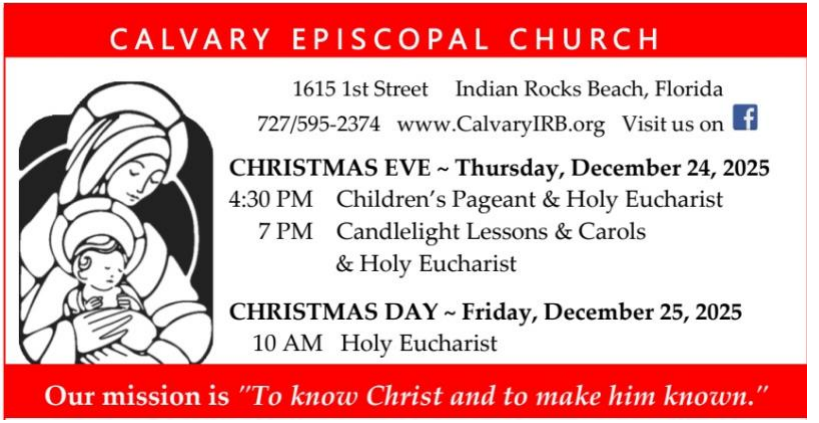

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SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, AND INVITE THEM TO CHURCH