

Christmas at Calvary

Christmas Eve Worship

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3:30 p.m. + 7:00 p.m.



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THE GIFT OF GOD

God gives heaven's best gift in earth's unlikeliest place

WELCOME

Welcome to worship! We are glad that you have joined us to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Our service is printed for you in its entirety in this worship folder. If you need anything, please speak to an usher at the rear of the sanctuary.

- **Restrooms** are located in the narthex/lobby.
- **Infants Quiet Place** - If you have a young child or nursing infant and are in need of a quiet place, you will find a comfortable bench as you enter either restroom. Both are also equipped with baby changing stations. A speaker there allows you to hear the service.
- **Connection cards** are found at either end of every pew. We ask that before worship or during the offering announcements you fill those out. You can return the card in the offering plate or simply leave it in the pew for our ushers to collect. You may also fill out a Connection Card electronically by following the QR code located on page 14 of this service folder.
- **Prayer before worship** - Father, open my heart to hear and believe your word, so that through faith your Son may take his rightful place not just in the manger, but also within my heart. In his name I pray. Amen.

THE GIFT OF GOD

When a father puts gifts under the Christmas tree, it is not to compensate his children for doing their chores. That would make whatever is inside that wrapping paper a wage, not a gift. A gift is given voluntarily simply so the giver can show favor to the one receiving the gift, without any expectation of repayment. In the season of Christmas, we receive the gift of God. That does not simply mean we receive the gifts God gives. When we look into the manger, we see that God is the gift.

In the person of Jesus, God gave us himself. And because our God became true man and did everything necessary for our salvation, he is able to give us so many other Christmas gifts: forgiveness, hope, peace, a place in his family, eternal life in paradise. *“That is too much!”* you object. *“I don’t deserve any of it!”* True enough. However, none of these things are wages. We could not and need not earn them. Because they are gifts, given by our gracious God to show us his favor.

In the Twelve Days of Christmas, our worship follows this pattern.

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

First Sunday after Christmas

Epiphany of Our Lord

God Gives Heaven’s Best Gift in Earth’s Unlikeliest Place

God Gives Himself As One of Us

God Gives Both Substitute and Sacrifice

The Gift of God Is for All People

+ ORDER OF SERVICE +

OPENING CALL TO WORSHIP

From Bethlehem Fair City

Sung by the Calvary Choir

*From Bethlehem, fair city
Comes for a little Son;
In him all gentle graces
Are gathered into one.
E-ja, E-ja, Are gathered into one.*

*Now all our love and fortune
Lies in his mighty hands;
Our sorrow, joy, and failure
He sees and understands.
E-ja, E-ja, He sees and understands.*

*O Shepherd King from heaven,
We go where you will lead;
We fear no distant pasture
With you at hand to feed.
E-ja, E-ja, With you at hand to feed.*

*No grief can ever part us
However sharp its edge;
We serve you and each other;
Take now our hearts in pledge.
E-ja, E-ja, Take now our hearts in pledge.*

Stand

EXHORTATION AND PRAYER

Beloved in Christ: In this Christmas season it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us, the Christ-child, lying in a manger.

Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall, and into the birth and glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child. Let us hear how peace was lost, and how peace is restored.

But first, let us pray, for this is good and right.

Heavenly Father, we pray for ourselves and all people who worship you and your Son this Christmas Eve. By your holy Word, lead us to say with the angels, **Glory to God in the highest!**

We pray for your blessing upon the people of our city, our state, our nation, and our world. **Glory to God in the highest!**

We pray for the poor and helpless, the cold and hungry, the sick and sad, that you would give them the joy of your salvation and the comfort of your presence. **Glory to God in the highest!**

We pray for unbelievers and enemies of the Church, that through your Law and Gospel you would lead them to recognize your Son as their only hope for eternal life. **Glory to God in the highest!**

Finally, we remember before you all those who rejoice with us in heaven, who live in greater light and beauty than we, that multitude which no one can number, who died in faith, and now praise you in your heavenly temple. We confess that we are united with them and with one another. **Glorify to God in the highest!**

We humbly offer up these prayers and praises in the words of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

354 (vs. 1-3) – O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come_ ye to Beth - le - hem!
born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes!
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:
On - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther:
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:



Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-24

Mankind rebelled against their loving Creator and thereby forfeited the gift of paradise. God responds by promising a descendant of Eve would bring the gift of salvation. A reading from Genesis, chapter 3.

GENESIS 3:8 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. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 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.

15 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."

16 To the woman he said,

"I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;
with painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you."

17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,'

"Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.

18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;

for dust you are
and to dust you will return.”

²⁰Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

²¹The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²²And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” ²³So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CAROL

362 - Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising



1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the
2 Christ, from heav'n to us descend-ing and in
3 Ja - cob's Star in all its splen - dor beams with
4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, from sin's



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; loud - ly sing his
love our race be - friend - ing, in our need his
com - fort sweet and ten - der, forc - ing Sa - tan
fet - ters that pos - sessed us, from the grief that



love a - maz - ing, wor - thy folk of Christ - en - dom.
help ex - tend - ing, saved us from the wi - ly foe.
to sur - ren - der, break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
sore dis - tressed us, we, the cap - tives, now are free.

5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
when by faith we grasp this blessing,
when, O Christ, we come addressing
thanks to you and highest praise!

6 Gracious Child, in mercy hear us,
from your lowly manger cheer us,
gently lead us and be near us
till we join th' angelic choir.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

God promised Abraham not only that his descendants would become a great nation, but also that through one of his descendants the gift of salvation would come to all nations on earth. A reading from Genesis, chapter 22.

GENESIS 22:15¹⁵The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CAROL

331 (vs. 1-7) - From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Congregation sings vs. 1-5. Verses 6,7 sung by the Calvary Choir



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,
3 "This is the Christ, our God most high, who hears your
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow pre - pared by
5 "These are the signs which you shall mark: the swad - dling



news to ev - 'ry home; glad ti - dings of great
cho - sen vir - gin mild; this lit - tle child of
sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your
God for all be - low, that in his king - dom,
clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the



joy I bring, where - of I now will say and sing:
low - ly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
Sav - ior be from all your sins to set you free.
bright and fair, you may with us his glo - ry share.
in - fant laid by whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

6. *How glad we'll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
to see what God for us has done
in sending us his own dear Son.*

7. *Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
and see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christ Child lying there.*

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

*To those living in the darkness of sin and death, God promises the gift of light, salvation, and life.
A reading from the book of Isaiah, chapter 9.*

ISAIAH 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned...

...⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CAROL

381:1-3,5 - The People Who in Darkness Walked



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious
2 To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Ev - er - last - ing
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and make us yours a -



light; the heav'n - ly dawn broke forth on those who
giv'n, and on his shoul - ders ev - er rests all
Lord, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the
lone, for you are with the Fa - ther and the



dwelt in death and night, who dwelt in death and night.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, the God by all a - dored.
Spir - it ev - er one, the Spir - it ev - er one.

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

The gift of God is given in the unlikelyest of places. A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 2.

LUKE 2:1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3And everyone went to their own town to register.

4So 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. 5He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7and 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CAROL

335 - To Shepherds as They Watched by Night



1 To shep - herds as they watched by night ap - peared a
2 "At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid's town, as Mi - cah
3 O then re - jice that through his Son God is with
4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true God



host of an - gels bright; "Be - hold the ten - der
did of old make known. It is the Christ, your
sin - ners now at one; made like your - selves of
now a - bides with you. Let hell and Sa - tan



babe," they said, "in yon - der low - ly man - ger laid,
Lord and King, who will to all sal - va - tion bring."
flesh and blood, your broth - er is th'e - ter - nal God.
storm and rave, Christ is your broth - er— you are safe.

- 5 Not one he will or can forsake;
his promise he will never break.
Let ev'ry scheme the tempter try,
you may his utmost pow'rs defy.
- 6 You shall and must at last prevail;
God's own you are, you cannot fail.
To God forever sing your praise
with joy and patience all your days.

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

*The gift of God is given to what the world would have thought is the unlikeliest of people.
A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 2.*

⁸GENESIS 22:8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵When 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.”

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Luke 2:8-20

The Best Christmas Gift

CAROL

Sung by the Calvary Choir

The Coventry Carol

Lully lullay, thou little tiny child, bye-bye lully lullay.

*O sisters, too, how may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing
Bye-bye, lully lullay?*

*Herod the king in his raging
Charged he hath this day
His men of might in his own sight
All young children to slay.*

Lully lullay, thou little tiny child, bye-bye lully lullay.

*Then woe is me, my child, for thee!
And ev'ry morn and day
For thy parting nor say nor sing
Bye-bye, lully lullay.*

*Child do not stay, do not delay;
To Egypt haste, away!
For thy return thy folk shall yearn,
Bye-bye, lully lullay.*

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

*By miraculously leading Magi from afar to the Christ Child, God proved that his gift of salvation is intended for all people.
A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 2.*

MATTHEW 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and 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.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When 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. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶“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.”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He 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.”

⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CAROL

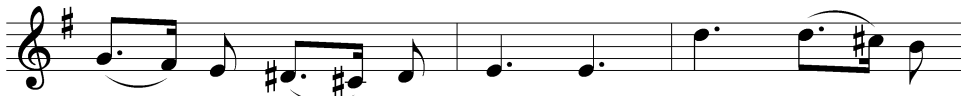
344 - What Child Is This



1 What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox - en now are
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing, whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the
own him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the



Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

God gives us the gift of himself as one of us. A reading from the Gospel of St. John, chapter 1.

¹JOHN 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CAROL

352 - Joy Has Dawned



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark-ness,
gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense—God is with us;
What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

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Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
- On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>
- Scan the QR code to the right...



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MUSICAL OFFERING

Midnight Noel

Solo

*It came upon a midnight clear; that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heav’n’s all-gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

*For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav’n and hearth shall own the Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.*

Glory to God! Peace on Earth! Born is the King of Israel!

*The first Noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav’nly Lord,
Thank hath made heav’n and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King! Gladly we sing! Born is the King of Israel!*

Stand

CLOSING PRAYER

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ; grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so may we also behold him with sure confidence when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May he who by his incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit – be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

CAROL

337 - Silent Night



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round you vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight. Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts_ sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Be seated



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