

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021



We welcome you to our virtual and in-person service of worship and hope you'll share the good news proclaimed and lived here at Calvary, Columbia, Missouri.

We give thanks that we are able to gather in-person and online today!

We ask your patience as we adjust to this new season of worship together aware that new equipment is still being integrated as it arrives to aid us.

Calvary Episcopal Church

123 South Ninth Street, Columbia, MO

www.calvaryonninth.org

Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, MO. We're so glad you've joined us to worship during this Season after Advent.

*Page Numbers are listed for your Book of Common Prayer and the 1982 Hymnal. In this bulletin you will find several abbreviations: **BCP = the Book of Common Prayer**; **H = the 1982 Hymnal**; **S = Service music found in the front of the 1982 Hymnal**. Click these links for the online version of [the Book of Common Prayer](#) and [Hymnal](#). (*Lectionary*) refers to the insert you received with your bulletin.*

Prelude: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Carter

Opening Hymn: H-57 *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending* (verses 1 & 2)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

The first blue candle is lit.

Leader: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

People **Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Leader: Take time, in the busy-ness and the stillness of this season, for quiet reflection, for the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

People **We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder, and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

Reader: The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

People **We will welcome Christ into our hearts.
We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.
We will go forth from this place in hope.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Opening Acclamation: BCP, 355

Trisagion: S-102 *Holy God, Holy and Mighty*

The Collect of the Day (lectionary)

The Lessons: (lectionary)

Jeremiah 33:14-16.

Psalms 25:1-9. *We will read it in unison.*

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.

Gradual Hymn: H-72 *Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes* (verses 1 & 4)

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

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

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon or priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

--- A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

The Nicene Creed: BCP, 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI: BCP, 393

The Sharing of God's Peace: BCP, 360

The Announcements: offered by Calvary's vestry representative, Tony Simones
(see last page)

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited forward for a blessing.



Scan. Pay. Go.

Since we can't safely "pass the plate," we thank you for making your Sunday gift or paying your pledge by:

- scanning the QR code on the left*
- going to the [Stewardship](#) page on our website, or*
- dropping your check into the collection plates in the church.*

Offertory Anthem: *People, Look East*
Calvary Choir

Bescancon carol

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B: BCP, 367

Sanctus: S-124 *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might*

The Lord's Prayer: BCP, 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei: S-161 *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world*

Communion Hymn: H-454 *Jesus came, adored by angels* (all verses)

Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: H-59 *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (verses 1, 2 and 5)

Dismissal

Postlude: *Tell Out My Soul*

Manz

*The hymns and service music are from the 1982 Hymnal of the Episcopal Church.
CCLI Copyright License # 11330380, CCLI Streaming License #20211492
One License Copyright and Streaming License #A-714643*

Calvary's Prayer List

Click [PRAYER LIST](#) to view, download, or print the current Prayer list.

Names may be added or removed from the prayer list by emailing the [church office](#).

For Health of Body and Soul (BCP p. 460) May God, the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Calvary Episcopal Church Announcements

November 28, 2021

The Christian Formation Committee would like to offer the following resources to parishioners for the 2021 Advent season. You are welcome to pick them up in the narthex area of the church or reach out to Jennifer James (tjennifer@mchsi.com) to have them mailed to you while supplies last. 1) **Youth (pre-K – Grade 5):** “How Do They Celebrate Christmas?” is a paperback daily Advent resource for children to learn about Advent traditions around the world. There is also a paper Advent calendar with age appropriate reflections on the season of Advent. 2) **Teens:** “Wait and See” 2021 paper Advent calendar provides suggested scripture readings and reflections day by day through the Advent season. 3) **Adult:** Advent 2021 paper calendar providing daily scripture recommendations as you reflect on your preparation for Christmas. We wish you and your family a peaceful Advent season!

Advent Giving Tree 2021 - This year, Calvary will be working with City of Refuge (Columbia) to assist with the Afghan refugees in mid Missouri. You can help by visiting the Advent Giving Tree in the narthex. Contributions of \$10, \$25, or \$50 toward baby, food, hygiene, or kitchen items are being accepted through our annual Advent Giving Tree. Consider “gifting” a loved one with your contribution.

The Virtual Advent Bazaar starts at noon on Thursday, December 2 and ends at noon on Saturday, December 4. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and friends of Calvary, the “store” is well-stocked with a wide variety of goods. The connection to the “store” is on Calvary’s [website](#). The Bazaar Page will go live at noon on December 2. All purchases need to be picked up in the church parking lot on Saturday (4th) or Sunday (5th) afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. If you have questions about the bazaar, contact LeeAnn Ball at 573-445-7255.

The Right Reverend Deon Kevin Johnson will ordain **JOSHUA DAVID HUBER** to the sacred order of deacons on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 4:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral. For further information on attending or viewing the service, see Calvary News.

Our 2022 Pledge Campaign is in full swing, and we hope that you have made time to help Calvary fulfill its mission of “**Serving our Community with Gratitude and Generosity.**” Our pledges make it possible for Calvary to continue, and grow, its four core ministries of Outreach, Formation, Pastoral Care and Worship. **Thanks for your continued support!**

The Vestry's Stewardship Covenant with Calvary

Your vestry developed this Stewardship Covenant using a process of spiritual discernment and seeking divine guidance through Scripture and prayer. This covenant reflects where we feel God is leading us as a Vestry in our ministry of stewardship. We make this covenant among ourselves as a vestry and with God as we serve the parish. It is not meant to be a Stewardship Covenant for Calvary Episcopal Church parish as a whole. We pray that all members will prayerfully reflect on our invitation to you within this covenant.

WE BELIEVE that God will provide us with what we need. We have faith that God will show us how to use and share our resources with others.

WE COMMIT to reflect prayerfully as individuals and as a community to listen to what God is saying to us, trusting in divine guidance. We realize that God values us and knows our needs as individuals and as the church.

WE INVITE all to join us in trusting in the promises of God to nourish, protect, and love us, meeting all our needs. God will provide us with the resources to serve our community and all creation; we invite all to join in stewarding these resources for the well-being of our community and the world.



Calvary Episcopal Church
123 South Ninth Street, Columbia, MO 65201
<http://www.calvaryonninth.org>