

Calvary Church Sunday Worship: 4th Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 2023 10:30 AM ET

* Please rise if able.

Prelude: Be Thou My Vision
Sue Paro

Irish melody Slane; arr. by Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements, Poem, and Chime

Rev. Cynthia Good

Gathering Words

Anne Lewin, worship leader

God's light shines and we are guided on new paths
May we walk carefully and faithfully

God's light shines and we see new ways of living
May we open our hearts to love and possibility

God's light shines and we know ourselves differently
May we come alive in God's grace

God's light shines and it is good
We are good and the future beckons us onward

Unison Prayer

God of beginnings, the world shifts and changes and we long for the comfortable and familiar. New life emerges and we are often uncertain and afraid. Open our eyes to your world. Help us to trust in your spirit. Help us to see the start of new growth, the possibility of new hope. Make us alive to your word and your work within us and around us. Amen.

Passing the Peace: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please greet your fellow worshipers. If you are in the sanctuary, wave to the cameras; on Zoom, please unmute and say hello; on Facebook, write a comment!

*Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

451 (large hymnal)

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The word of God for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Time

Lois Howry

Song: Arise, Shine (call and response)

2005 (small hymnal)

Arise, shine (**arise, shine**); for your light has come (**for your light has come**),

and the glory of the Lord (**and the glory of the Lord**) has risen upon you (**has risen upon you**).

Scripture: Psalm 15 from Nan Merrill

O Beloved, whom will You invite into the abode of your Heart? Who will dwell with You in Love?

One who walks with integrity,
who is in harmony with your Word,
and sings the heart’s song;
Whose tongue speaks truth
judging not others and seeking only the good;
whose eyes behold not the outer garments of the body,
but see within the inner robe of Love;
Whose own weaknesses are acknowledged
and brought to light in prayer;
Who is just in all affairs of life
and takes not advantage of another.

One who does all these things,
will join the Dance of Life!
will sing the Song of Joy!

The word of God to us. **Thanks be to God.**

Music: Be Still

Karen Marroli

Calvary Choir; Sue Paro, music director

*Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.
Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.*

— Howard Thurman

True Story Theater

*Hymn: When There Is No Star to Guide You

1. When there is no star to guide you and you can not
 2. Be a- lert to shifts in wea- ther: if it turns to
 3. If you think you have dis- cov- ered with your lan- tern
 4. You may some- times trip and stum- ble on a hid- den

wait for day and your an- cient maps pro- vide you
 cold and frost hud- dle close- ly all to- ge- ther,
 in the night some clear path the dark has co- vered
 root or stone but re- mem- ber as you grum- ble

on- ly hints to find the way, keep with- in each oth- er's
 check if a- ny have been lost. Lis- ten for a riv- er
 let the oth- ers bring their light. Test your sin- gle lone per-
 that you do not fall a- lone. And in risk- ing dark ex-

call- ing, mark each time you make a turn, shout for help if
 flow- ing, feel for damp- er, mov- ing air, trace from where the
 cep- tion in their gath- er- ed shi- ning beams, what you saw may
 pan- ses nev- er marked on map or chart you will find that

you are fall- ing, tell each oth- er all you learn.
 wind is blow- ing, move on brave- ly but with care.
 be pro- jec- tion fed by sha- dows, fears, and dreams.
 faith ad- van- ces through the land- scape of your heart.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Sharing of Prayers and Prayer of the People

We invite you to use your chosen words for God: Father, Mother, or...

Our Creator, 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. Amen.

Offering

Donations may be placed in the baskets outside the front and rear doors to the sanctuary. We invite you to donate to the Parish Fund, which Rev. Cynthia uses for emergency needs of members and neighbors. Donate by using the Love Offering envelopes in the pew racks or by mailing a check to the church; note that it is for the Parish Fund. If you have a financial need, please contact Rev. Cynthia; all requests are kept private.

*Doxology: As with Gladness Those of Old

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'As with glad-ness those of old did the guid-ing star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; So, true Morn-ing Star, may we ev - er-more your splen-dor see.'

William C. Dix, 1861 Tune: DIX Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, we give thanks for beginnings, for endings, and everything in-between. We give thanks for the lights that shines before us to guide us and within us to bring us hope. May we dream together, plan together, walk forward together into your future. Amen.

*Hymn: This Is a Day of New Beginnings

383 (large hymnal)

Unison

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
 step from the past and leave be - hind
 to show and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

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MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1984

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Benediction

Postlude

Sue Paro