



CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all in the name of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 8 a.m.

December 31, 2023: The First Sunday after Christmas Day

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as the Celebrant enters the Chapel.

Acclamation and Collect for Purity *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355*

Song of Praise OR Kyrie *as appointed BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 356*

The Collect of the Day *All remain standing.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

The Readings *The texts of the Readings are provided inside*

The Lesson

The Psalm

The Epistle

The Holy Gospel

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed *All standing* *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360*

The Peace

All may greet one another in the Lord's name.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer *All stand.*

The four Prayer Book forms of the Eucharistic Prayer begin on page 361.

Following the proclamation of "Holy, holy, holy," the congregation may stand or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional form*) *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 364*

The Breaking of the Bread *A brief silence is kept.*

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar rail.

Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Post-Communion Prayer *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 365 or 366*

All pray together, kneeling.

The Blessing

Dismissal *All respond: Thanks be to God.*

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December 31, 2023
9 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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9:00 A.M. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude *Three Chorale Preludes*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Day That Is So Full of Joy
From Heaven Came the Angel Host
The Old Year Now Is Passed Away*

*The Congregation is asked to sit as far forward as possible,
using the front pews of the Nave and of the Transepts.*

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as the ministers enter.

Opening Acclamation

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Song of Praise *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

HYMNAL, 107

Collect of the Day

The Readings *All sit for the Lessons and Psalm.*

The Lesson

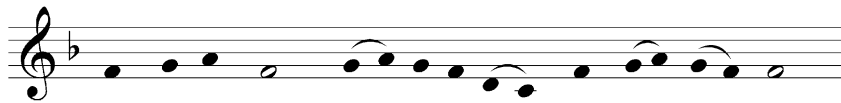
Isaiah 61:10–62:3

Psalm 147:13–21 *All say together.*

The Epistle

Galations 3:23–25; 4:4–7

Gospel Alleluia-Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God.*

—Isaiah 61:10

The Holy Gospel *All standing*

John 1:1–18

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Rabbi Aaron Bisno

The Nicene Creed *Congregation standing*

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor In the Name of the Word made Flesh, O God,

People hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All may greet one another.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn *It came upon the midnight clear* HYMNAL, 89
All stand and sing together

Eucharistic Prayer B BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 367

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord* All sing together HYMNAL, S 130
Hymnal "S"—numbers refer to Service Music, printed at the front of the Hymnal.

The service continues on page 366 of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

The Lord's Prayer *All say together*

The Breaking of the Bread *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Parents are encouraged to bring children to receive Communion or a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer *All say together* BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 366

The Blessing

Final Hymn *Joy to the world! The Lord is come* HYMNAL, 100

Dismissal *All respond* Thanks be to God.

Postlude *In thee is gladness* Bach

All who wish to listen to the postlude from the Choir Stalls are invited to do so.



A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into a Classroom

Class will resume next week at 10 a.m. in McClintic Hall

Rabbi Aaron Bisno and the Rev. Jonathon Jensen continue to teach a class together. We will focus on the great stories of Judaism in the Book of Genesis. Sessions are recorded and posted to Calvary's YouTube page with a link in the Friday email. All are welcome to attend.



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Office Hours – 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday

■ CALVARY'S CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, <i>Rector</i>	Vicki Rispoli, <i>Director of Children's Formation</i>
The Rev. Neil K. Raman, <i>Senior Associate Rector</i>	Kenneth Smith, <i>Director of Communications</i>
The Rev. Cameron J. Soulis, <i>Associate Rector</i>	Kim Pieratt, <i>Parish Administrator</i>
The Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker, <i>Assisting Pastor</i>	Jim Gubash, <i>Head Sexton</i>
The Rev. Carol Henley, <i>Assisting Priest</i>	Adam Augustine, Ron Johnston,
The Rev. Geoffrey S. Royce, <i>Deacon</i>	Mary Ann Packer, Guy Tillman, <i>Sextons</i>
Rabbi Aaron Bisno, <i>Rabbi-in-Residence</i>	Vivian Rispoli, <i>A/V Technician</i>
Ms. Deanna Briody, <i>McNulty Intern</i>	David Ieong, <i>Senior Warden</i>
Dr. Alan Lewis, <i>Director of Music</i>	Wendy Lomicka, <i>Junior Warden</i>
Jon Tyillian, <i>Assistant Organist</i>	Lauren Ernst, <i>Treasurer</i>
Lynda Kennedy, <i>Director of Finance</i>	Daniel Geroni, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i>

– The Vestry –

2024	2025	2026	2027
Jennifer De Rosa	Adam Bailey	David Riehl	John Allison
David Ieong	Kate Burroughs	Wendy Lomicka	Elaine Effort
Donald MacLeod, Jr.	Lucy Douglas	James Manning	Ian Everhart
Laura Marchl	Peter Lewis	Vanessa Sterling	Lisa Nevola
Sarah Wilson, <i>secretary</i>			

– The Parish Council –

2024	2025	2026	2027
Jonathan Callard	Ann Augustine	Michele Bender	Charles R. Altman
Jean Carr	Mary Jane Bent	Sue DeWalt, <i>President</i>	Diana Page
Emma Schauf	Jeannine Farina	Stanley Nevola	Ray Richter
			Anoo Verghis

Clergy Contact Information

Please feel free to contact any of our clergy. We are ready to help.

- The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, jjensen@calvarypgh.org
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 - Rabbi Aaron Bisno, rabbi@calvarypgh.org
 - Deanna Briody, dbriody@calvarypgh.org



December 31, 2023 – The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Our Parish Life

Christmas Thank You

A very large thank you to Head Sexton Jim Gubash for ordering the poinsettias, to Anoo Verghis and daughter Anjali, Laura Marchl, and the full Schauf family for helping to place the flowers. We certainly could not have accomplished the beautiful set up without you. –*Emma Schauf*

The Envelope Please...

Offering envelopes for those who have requested them are available in the Parish Hall. Please pick them up to help defray the unnecessary costs of mailing.

The Bookstore at Calvary

The Coventry Circle selection for January is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. It tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths to which she must go--for the protection of her family and her legacy--to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives. There is a 20% discount to all purchasers of the book designated for Coventry Circle. The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Bookstore at 412-661-0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or email at bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® along with touch-free payments are accepted.

Walk-in Ministry Winter Request

Trinity Cathedral hosts a walk-in ministry that provides the most vulnerable among us food, toiletries, clothing, and referral services. They participate along with four other downtown churches as members of the Downtown Ministerium. Calvary has agreed to help with the ministry's request for **winter hats, gloves, and also blankets**. There is a collection box in the Parish Hall. Please drop off your packages there. Thank you.

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue of the Calvary newsletter is **Friday, January 5, 2024**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Now that coffee hours have resumed, we need hosts to help us. Your group can sponsor a coffee hour by bringing, plating and arranging small sweet and savory snacks for enjoyment after the 11 o'clock service each Sunday. We are scheduling hosts now. If you are interested, please sign up with Kathy Farrington at farringtonk@me.com or use the signup sign on the table in the Parish Hall. You can also help support coffee hours by making a donation in the jar on the table to be used for purchasing cookies and sweets when no group is hosting.

Wednesday Workspace at Calvary

Do you work from home? Do you miss lunch and standing around the coffee machine chatting with other people? Do you have difficulty separating work-life from home-life? Has the initial feeling of flexibility turned to isolation that is a burden on your spiritual and mental health?

Beginning on **Wednesday, January 10**, Calvary Church invites those who work from home to work from church each Wednesday from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. We will have the offices open for you to have a quiet work space around other people in a beautiful, familiar and safe space with other church members.

We can provide several accessible rooms for you when they are not scheduled for church or other use including the Evans Room, Parlor, Conference Room, and an upstairs office. We will provide coffee and tea. You are welcome to use the refrigerator to store lunch for the day. We have WiFi but please don't plan for all your online meetings on Wednesdays as we do not have unlimited bandwidth. There is also outgoing mail and a photocopier if needed. We simply ask that you are respectful of all people who share space at Calvary.

As you are able, you are invited to share in the noon Eucharist in the Lady Chapel and bring your lunch or order from a local restaurant and dine together in the Refectory at 12:30 p.m.

If you would like to take one day per week to work around other people at Calvary, please join us.

Food of the Month

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. **On their wish list in January is Rice-a-Roni.** Of course, you may donate any nonperishable food item. Please leave your items in the shopping cart across from the reception desk. Thank you.

Altar Flowers

Help us keep the church altars in full bloom, including the newest one in the transept narthex, by donating flowers in memory of, or in honor of, someone special. If you would like to place a memorial listing, please contact Kim Pieratt in the church office at 412.661.0120, ext. 111.

Plastic Recycling

Thank you to the many people who are recycling plastic film and bags to the box located in the Parish House lobby across from the reception desk. You are helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills. (And, yes, bubble wrap is recyclable!)



THE TWELVE DAYS OF *Christmas*

For the Church, Christmas isn't just one day of celebrating Jesus' birth—it's a twelve-day season (Christmastide) from December 25th through January 5th. In addition to Christmas Day and the First Sunday After Christmas Day, the Episcopal Church has five other Christmastide commemorations. Worldwide, several celebrations during this period have their origins in Church commemorations during this season.



Boxing Day

Public/bank holiday on December 26th in Britain and many Commonwealth nations



Silvester

People celebrate the New Year's Eve feast of Pope Sylvester I with fireworks and parties.



Twelfth Night

The last night of Christmastide. This celebration centers on food and drinks such as wassail.

Epiphany January 6



Epiphany means *appearance or manifestation* and is the day after Christmastide remembering the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) to the Christ-child.

My True Love Gave to Me...

Most people know of the Twelve Days of Christmas from the song of the same name. This song originated in England as part of a Twelfth Night game called "memories-and-forfeits" and possibly dates from the early 18th century. It is unlikely that the various gifts in the song were meant as a code for teaching Christianity as some have supposed.



THE CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRESERVE • SUSTAIN • SHARE

We have much to celebrate this Christmas season. Since announcing Calvary's Capital Campaign in October, we have received \$1.8MM in signed pledges from members of the Vestry, campaign leadership, and a few others, towards the overall goal of \$6MM. This is a great start! It is clear that Calvary – its people, programs, outreach, and facilities – is a very important part of people's lives.

After the first of the year we will resume campaign Awareness Gatherings, with tours to highlight the areas of the church which require investment from the campaign. We intend to reach everyone at Calvary, which will take a little time, so please do not be concerned if you do not hear from us right away.

For any questions about the campaign, please contact us by email at campaign@calvarypgh.org. Thank you!

Children's Faith Formation _____

There will be NO Children's Liturgy of the Word, or Faith Formation Classes
and the Nursery will be closed until January 7.
See you in 2024!

The Calendar _____

Sunday December 31, 2023

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

The Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

Monday January 1, 2024

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Church and offices will be closed this day.

Tuesday January 2, 2024

11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting
7:00 P.M. Spiritual Reflection
7:30 P.M. Architectural History Committee

Wednesday January 3, 2024

12:00 P.M. **Holy Eucharist**
6:00 P.M. Interlude Group

Thursday January 4, 2024

Elizabeth Ann Seton, Founder of the American Sisters of Charity, 1821

6:30 P.M. Mahjong
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 5, 2024

Sarah, Theodora, and Syncretica of Egypt, Desert Mothers, fourth-fifth century

Agape Deadline

Saturday January 6, 2024

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday January 7, 2024

*The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

The Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

10:00 A.M. Children/Youth Formation
10:00 A.M. Priest/Rabbi Class
10:00 A.M. Gospel and Breakfast
10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-up
11:00 A.M. **Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism**
12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour
3:30 P.M. Choir Warm-up
5:00 P.M. Evensong

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Have you returned your 2024 Pledge Card?

The Prayers of the People _____

*For the Anglican Communion, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.*

*For the Episcopal Church, and for The Most Reverend Michael Curry,
Presiding Bishop.*

*For the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and for The Right Reverend Dr. Ketlen A. Solak,
Bishop.*

*For the parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, especially Diocesan staff in-
cluding the Rev. Canon Kim Karashin, Elaine Zevkovich, Andy Muhl, Mar-
lene Rihn, Andrea Rath, Rich Creehan, Alisa Huston and Shahnaz
Alam-Denlinger.*

Let us pray for those serving in the armed forces:

Christine DeForest, Tres Mellor, Robert Weaver, Jon Danchik, Chris Claunch,
George Rossman, Brian Bongiovi, Lauren Laessig.

For those who are ill or convalescing:

Erica, Elise Power, Henry Albee, Margaret Sprenger, Stefan, Jamie Rogers, Phyllis
Ernst, Hattie Mauch, Richard Zack, Stan Schoen, Judith Baskin,
Maggie Gill, ++Michael Curry, Jeff Arberman, James Knight, Roy Murphy,
Emily, Joan Rollins, Nancy Hudak, Janet, David Clark, Josh Butler,
Dick Howland, Phyllis Bianculli, Kate, Jean Oh, Beth Gallis, Thomas Gallagher,
Andrea, Walter Bowman, Jean Carver, Daniel Perett, John O'Rourke,
Peggy O'Rourke, Onva Boshears.

Let us remember those who continue in our prayers:

William Marchl+, Charles Mullen, David Rollins, Charlotta Ross, Mimi Dobby,
Charlie Quillin, Holly Best, Marie Houston, Nikki Smith, Fairfax Seay,
Diana Jannetta, Paula King-Smith, Phyllis Hickok, Mary Anne Marchl,
Betty Howard.

Let us pray for those who have been commended to our prayers:

Betty Shandor, Marjorie Wells, Linda Augustine, Sang Oh, Dorothy Tague,
Tom Vig, Heidi Murrin, Joachim Bielert, Marilyn Corstange, Gary McCann,
Dave Bruton, Alyson Holt, Debra Teton, Patricia, Carol Ann R., Jennifer S.,
Laura B., Patricia M., Marian G., Charles, Jeremiah McClung, Dave Arlotti,
Mike, Ed Cohen, Carol, Hayden, Brian, Meredith G., Janie Leighton,
Devlin Cato, Rebecca Rogovin, John, Nancy, Steve, Ernie, Betsy Mastaglio,
Jason Durand, Barbara G., Paul Thompson, Lou and Nancy M., Cathie Keenan,
Mary Kay D., Marsha Dilts, Eileen Simmons, Al Churley, Barbara, Barb Rinozzi,
Denise Wolff Oetinger, Judy, Mark Steinberg, Michael C., Anthony,
Helene Burke, Walter Simmons, Alex, Aster, Gail, Megan and Mike and family,
Judy, Jill W. and children, Katherine Plank, Marie Churley, April DeLucia, Stefa-
nia, Edward, Kathleen, Joe Hardy, Cathy Rielly-Goddard, Avi and family, Lisa,
Kam Murrin, Dena Gallagher and family, Frankie Schell, Max and
Leah Weiss, Mary G., Lynn Jolly, Paul Jolly, Paul Marvy family, Arnold Shurkin,
Linda Almasy-Hohmann, David Hohmann, Marsha McElwain, Harry DeLuce,
Chris Chaney, Debbie McEnvue, Kristen, Annette Bowen.

For people throughout the world living with HIV and AIDS.

For caregivers.

*For those who have died: Logan Blair Christy (Richard and Felicia Zack's friend),
Susan Klaw (Joanna Schultz's sister), Anna Ritchie (Karen Jeong's mother).*

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Andrew LaScola, by Tish and Tom LaScola and Cheryl Fogarty.*

[To add or remove names from the Prayer List, please contact Kim Pieratt
at the church office: 412.661.0120, ext. 111; kpieratt@calvarypgh.org]

Participants in Today's Services

8 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CelebrantThe Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen
PreacherRabbi Aaron Bisno
LectorPeggy O'Rourke
Chalice BearerDavid Eichelberger

9 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CelebrantThe Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen
PreacherRabbi Aaron Bisno
AssistingThe Reverend Geoffrey S. Royce
LectorMatthew Lancaster
IntercessorWendy Lomicka
Chalice BearersFlorence Atwood, Jon Mazur
UshersRay Richter, Lucy Weingartner

11 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CelebrantThe Reverend Cameron J. Soulis
PreacherRabbi Aaron Bisno
AssistingThe Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen
 The Reverend Geoffrey S. Royce
VergersFred Roth
LectorsElizabeth Slaymaker, Sarah Wilson
IntercessorCeci Westbrook
AcolytesAvery Podolinski, Quinton Bohna,
 Lily Arrington, Reed Van Schenck
Chalice BearersElaine Effort, Susan De Morais, Bonnie Weiss
UshersMike O'Brien, Mike Kelly

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024

Notices for the Sunday service bulletin must be received
by the end of the day on Wednesday each week.
Please email your notice to calvary@calvarypgh.org

Visit the Calvary website at
www.calvarypgh.org

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah [61:10–62:3]

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians [3:23-25; 4:4-7]

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

[1:1-18]

Response before the Gospel: Glory to you, LORD Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Response after the Gospel: Praise to you, LORD Christ.