

Fourth Sunday of Advent
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Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Himno de Alabanza | Hymn of Praise

“O God, We Long for Better Days”

lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

sung by Tim Shaw

O God, we long for better days when we can be together,
to celebrate your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Savior.
We long for *Silent Night* in crowded pews, by candlelight
May we who stay at home now find your Christmas blessing.

We long to come and *Deck the Halls* this year — like many others.
Yet all around we hear the calls of countless, hurting neighbors.
This year, in quiet ways, we'll pray and serve and fill our days.
May we who stay at home now find your Christmas blessing.

We'll still, with *Christian Friends, Rejoice*, by phone, or by our Zooming.
We'll ponder here: *What Child is This?* — and seek *A Rose, E'er Blooming*.
We'll love and serve and give; we'll live as Christ taught us to live.
May we who stay at home now find your Christmas blessing.

We long to feast and celebrate with family, friends, and neighbors.
Yet this can be our gift — to wait, until the times are better.
Still, Still, you give us joy — a love that death cannot destroy.
May we who stay at home now find your Christmas blessing.

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Eva Powell

Deacon of the Week

As we wait for love in the midst of violence, **be with us.**
As we pray for families to be reunited, **be with us.**
As we pray for enemies to be reconciled, **be with us.**
As we pray for lands to be restored, **be with us.**
As we pray for long-term security, **be with us.**
As we pray for kindness and community, **be with us, O God, today and always.**

La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.
Haznos uno, uno en ti. Haznos uno, Señor, en ti.
Y que el mundo vea en nuestro amor que somos uno en ti.**

Escuchando | Listening

Dando en Linea | Giving Online

Please visit www.calvarydc.org/give. Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to engage in a spiritual practice tracing back to the early church. As followers of Jesus began re-imagining their allegiance to God and not Caesar, they also chose to share their money, time, and resources in ways that disrupted systems of power and violence around them. As a community of faith shaped by this intention as we strive to be radically inclusive, progressive, and multicultural, we pray that our commitments might free you to give to this place both joyfully and intentionally.

Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children La Luz de Adviento | Advent Candle Lighting

*Pastor Sally
Anku Family*

Today we light the fourth candle!
Why do we light this candle?

We light this candle to remember that it takes RESOLVE to be love in this world.
We are joyful because we remember all of the ways that God has loved us.

Together, we light the advent candles of Love, Joy, Peace, and Hope.

God, thank you for this light, a reminder of Mary's resolve.
Teach us to do the hard work of being love in this world. Amen.

Canción | Refrain

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

trio: Ashley Dalton, Rhea Williams, and Shiowei Chen

Listen as the hymn tune is played instrumentally.

Al sexto mes el ángel Gabriel fue enviado por Dios a una ciudad de Galilea, llamada Nazaret, a una virgen desposada con un varón que se llamaba José, de la casa de David; y el nombre de la virgen era María. Y entrando el ángel en donde ella estaba, dijo: ¡Salve, muy favorecida! El Señor es contigo; bendita tú entre las mujeres. Mas ella, cuando le vio, se turbó por sus palabras, y pensaba qué salutación sería esta. Entonces el ángel le dijo: María, no temas, porque has hallado gracia delante de Dios. Y ahora, concebirás en tu vientre, y darás a luz un hijo, y llamarás su nombre JESÚS. Este será grande, y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo; y el Señor Dios le dará el trono de David su padre; y reinará sobre la casa de Jacob para siempre, y su reino no tendrá fin. Entonces María dijo al ángel: ¿Cómo será esto? pues no conozco varón. Respondiendo el ángel, le dijo: El Espíritu Santo vendrá sobre ti, y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra; por lo cual también el Santo Ser que nacerá, será llamado Hijo de Dios. Y he aquí tu parienta Elisabet, ella también ha concebido hijo en su vejez; y este es el sexto mes para ella, la que llamaban estéril; porque nada hay imposible para Dios. Entonces María dijo: He aquí la sierva del Señor; hágase conmigo conforme a tu palabra. Y el ángel se fue de su presencia.

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In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

"O Holy Night/Ave Maria"

quartet: Rachel Alcazar, Ruthie Alcazar,
Rhea Williams, Shiowei Chen

Himno | Hymn of Invitation

“Love Come Down at Christmas”
sung by David Simmons and Michael Polscer

**Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.**

**Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
what shall be our sacred sign?**

**Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbors,
love for prayer and gift and sign.**

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Elijah

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Contact the Deacon of the Week, Eva Powell with your cares or concerns:
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Special Advent Announcements—

COFFEE HOUR CAROLING

Sunday, December 20

Immediately following worship on [Zoom](#)

Get your Santa Hat and jingle bells ready! After worship on Sunday December 20, we're going to sing our hearts out from home! Our Calvary musicians and worship leaders are ready to help us activate some good Christmas cheer, and as we sing, we'll invite you to remember to give joyfully to our Shalom Scholars, the Rosstead Fellowship Fund, and to Calvary's ongoing work in the world. Join us on Zoom only for this festive time together.



THE "IT'S DEFINITELY OK TO BE SAD AT CHRISTMAS" SERVICE

Sunday, December 20

7 pm on [Facebook Live](#)

Could you use a little space to admit that, even as resilient as we're all trying to be, we're also really sad this time of year, and this year all the more? Join us on Facebook Live as we hold space for our grief and listen to some of those sad Christmas songs, carols, and melodies that help us make room for that grief. *This gathering won't be on Zoom, so head straight to our Facebook page to connect.*



THE AT HOME DIY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Thursday, December 24

4:30 pm on [Zoom](#) or [Facebook Live](#)

This year, we're asking you to make your own costumes at home as we celebrate the birth of Christ with a special service on Zoom. We'll read the Christmas story together, sing beloved Christmas Eve classics, and light our at home Advent candles. So, angels and shepherds, get your cotton balls, bedsheets, fairy wings, Jedi costumes, and anything else you can think of ready for this special time together!

Remember in Prayer

New this week: Family and friends of Judy Mein

Middle Collegiate Church, after losing its beloved sanctuary to a fire; Family and friends of Gwen Goodman, niece of Rick Goodman; Friends and family of Akua Afriyie Achempong, Salima Appiah-Duffell's cousin; John Jorgensen, Eric Jorgensen's brother. Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Loved ones of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and all who are unjustly taken from this life by the sin of white supremacy. Each and every one of us, particularly the most vulnerable among us as we face the effects of COVID-19 together. Gilles Bikindou, of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Maria Isabel Bueso; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dorothy Dale, Amy Dale's aunt; Francine Glandt, Dick and Marilyn Glandt's daughter-in-law; Rosa Gutierrez, guest in sanctuary at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda MD; Argentina Jiguan; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Anna Kneifel, The Langford Family; Rich Madigan, Nancy Martin, Claudia Moore's friend; Judy Mein; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Alison Peebles, Royce Rice, Courtney Miller's father; Roxana Rodezno, Lorena Pereira's sister-in-law; Lilia Ross, friend of Liubov Russell; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Jackie Sellers, Janice Glover's sister; Farooq Shabazz, Sakeenah Shabazz's brother; Ruby Shepherd; Dr. Lilia Stoycheva, friend of Liubov Russell; Olive Tiller; Desmond Tio, friend of Karla Fahey; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents. In light of the effect of the policy decisions that continue to be made by the current administration to challenge the dignity and worth of immigrant lives, we lift up prayer of lament-and-hope on behalf of Holy Families who seek justice, reunification, and basic human rights. We also lift up prayers of anger-and-hope that the hearts of elected and appointed officials would turn from stone to flesh for the sake of their souls and the soul of this nation. Peace in El Salvador, refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform. Victims of gun violence, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere; people targeted with hate crimes. Peace in our world, especially those impacted by war, violence, and government turmoil. Our collective response to resisting white supremacy. Victims of terror everywhere. Our Nicaraguan, Honduran, Haitian and Salvadoran brothers and sisters impacted by the decimation of Temporary Protected Status.

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