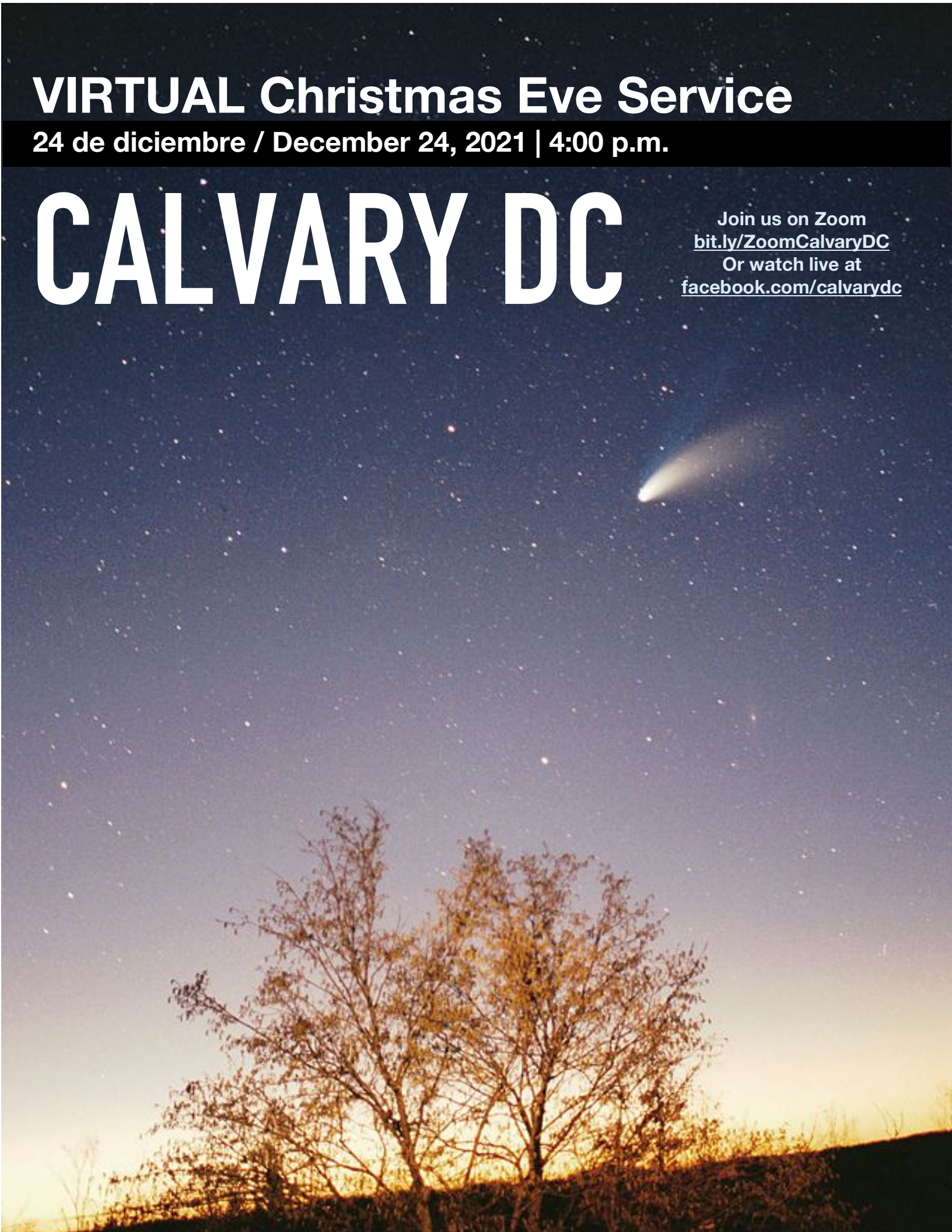


VIRTUAL Christmas Eve Service

24 de diciembre / December 24, 2021 | 4:00 p.m.

CALVARY DC

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La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Sally

Reflecciones | Reflections

Pastor Maria

La Natividad | The Nativity Story

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Prologue

(From Isaiah 40, NRSV)

Ed: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Grace: Comfort, O comfort ALL my people, says our God.

Victor: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Carrie: In EVERY wilderness, make a way.

Ed: "Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."

Grace: Cause EVERYTHING that is uneven to become level.

Victor: "Then the glory of God shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of God has spoken."

Carrie : Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him "Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." (Isaiah 7:14)

All: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Canción | Song

Go Tell it On the Mountain

*sung by Zack Eccleston, Jeremiah Siochi,
Madison Mayhew, and Rhea Williams*

Refrain—

**Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light. *Refrain.***

**The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain.***

**Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

The Birth of Jesus Foretold (From Luke 1, NRSV)

Ed: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, of the house of David. And Gabriel came to Mary and said,

Angel (Mabel): "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Grace: But Mary was much perplexed by the angel's words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said,,

Angel (Salima): "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 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 (Amy): Mary said to the angel, "How can this be?"

Angel (Salima): The angel said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you. Therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."

Mary (Amy): Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

This is Mary's song:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for God has looked with favor on the lowly servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name.
God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation. God has shown a strong arm; and has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. God has helped servant Israel, in remembrance of the God's mercy, according to the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

All: Emmanuel, God is with us.

**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!**

**La primera Navidad un coro se oyó;
a humildes pastores el cielo cantó,
y un ángel les habló, rodeado de luz,
anunciando la Natividad de Jesús.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
Hoy ha nacido el Rey de Israel.**

The Birth of Jesus

(From Luke 2, NRSV)

Victor: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Carrie : Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because Joseph was descended from the house and family of David. Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

Ed: While they were there, the time came for Mary to deliver the child. Mary gave birth to this firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

All: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Música Especial | Special Music

What Child is This
sung by Chris Urquiaga

*What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud
The babe, the son of Mary.*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come, peasant, king, to honor him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone him
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud
The babe, the son of Mary.*

The Shepherds and the Angels

(From Luke 2, NRSV)

Grace: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

Angel (John): “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Victor: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

Angel (John): “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!”

Carrie : When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another

Shepherds (Rory): “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which God has made known to us.”

Ed: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

Grace: But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Victor: The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Carrie : All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by God through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him ‘Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’”

Canción | Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful
sung by Chris Urquiaga

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

**Venid fieles todos a Belén marchemos,
De gozo triunfantes y llenos de amor,
Y al Rey de los cielos humilde veremos,
Venid y adoremos,
Venid y adoremos,
Venid y adoremos,
A Cristo el Señor.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

Encendiendo la Vela de Cristo | Lighting the Christ Candle

Canción | Song

Silent Night

*sung by Zack Eccleston, Jeremiah Siochi,
Madison Mayhew, and Rhea Williams*

As you are able, bring your candlelight close to your screen and dim the lights in your home so that we can share light with one another.

**Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright,
Mystery around us in earth and in sky,
Mystery within us in laughter, in sighs,
Christ is our wonder and joy!
Christ is our wonder and joy!**

**Silent night, holy night,
Creation trembles with delight,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with the angels to sing of your love,
Christ is eternity's Star!
Christ is eternity's Star!**

Benediction

All: Emmanuel, God is with us. God is with ALL of us.

Ed: There is no where that God is not. There are no folk whom God does not love.

Grace: There are no things that God cannot restore. There is no hurt that God cannot comfort.

Victor: We remember God's promises with joy. We resolve to love when doing the work of love is hard.

Carrie: Jesus, the light of the world, has come to us. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Himno Navideño | Christmas Hymn

Joy to the World | Al Mundo Paz

David Simmons, organ

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Al mundo paz, nació Jesús
Nació ya nuestro rey
El corazón ya tiene luz
Y paz su santa grey
Y paz su santa grey
Y paz, y paz su santa grey!**

**God rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Advent and Christmas Schedule

December 24: VIRTUAL DIY Nativity Celebration, 4 p.m.

One of our very special traditions at Calvary is to read the nativity story together on Christmas Eve. We'll gather together on Zoom and Facebook Live as we remember the awe of the shepherds and the song of the angels. We'd love for our children to come up with their most creative at-home Christmas costumes, too!

December 26: VIRTUAL WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m.

Stay in your holiday PJ's and join us on Zoom or Facebook Live for a brief gathering and Christmas meditation.

January 2: VIRTUAL WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m.

Please note that this is a schedule change from our usual 1st and 3rd Sunday in-person rotation. Join us on *Zoom only* for a holiday catch-up and time of prayer for the new year.

OUR LABOR TOGETHER | A Mission Statement

We are a multi-racial, multi-ethnic community of Christ followers committed to the sacred work of anti-racism, social justice, and radical inclusion.

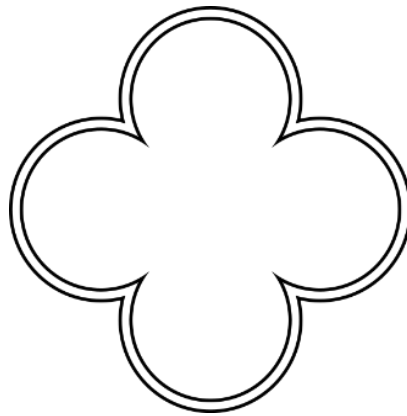
OUR BELOVEDNESS | A Values Statement

We affirm that God celebrates the creative diversity of God's kin-dom, loving people of every color, faith, nationality, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and cognitive ability, and economic status. It matters that people who have been historically marginalized by the Christian church in America see themselves listed here as God's beloved. In other words, ***you*** are our values statement.

- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people of faith to keep saying, and living, this truth.
- We believe no human being is "illegal," and as a Sanctuary Church, we fully welcome and support people of all immigration statuses.
- We believe LGBTQ+ lives are sacred, beautiful, and ought to be fully included and affirmed in all aspects of congregational life and leadership.
- We celebrate that our worshipping life is multi-lingual and multi-dimensional, especially shaped by Latin American, particularly Salvadoran, traditions, and the Historic Black Church tradition.
- We value interfaith inclusion and welcome people of any and all faith traditions to find a home here.
- We value people for who they are and not for their role in an economy where wealth accumulates and people struggle to live.
- We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the Piscataway, Anacostan, and Nacotchtank Peoples past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We believe that the earth is sacred and that we must continue to learn how to be better caretakers of the land we inhabit.
- We value diverse theological voices which have long stood on the margins within the Christian tradition in America.

OUR HOLY IMAGINATION | A Vision Statement

We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the clarion call to engage in the active and disruptive work of anti-racism and decolonization, both within ourselves and in the world. Ultimately, we commit to this labor as a *joyful* act of discipleship that leads us ever deeper into the Gospel of liberation and life.



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