



**Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Church of the Advent**

***The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***

August 10, 2025, 8 AM

*Welcome to Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today. All baptized Christians in any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall following the service.*

*Children of all ages are welcome in the service. Find coloring sheets and children's bulletins in the narthex.*

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in the racks. The 1982 Hymnal is the blue book; the hymnal "S" pages appear in the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black and red hymnal at both the pews' ends.*

*Most of our services are live-streamed on YouTube. Please see an usher to avoid being visible in the recording.*



### **New or Visiting This Morning?**

Thank you for gathering with us today for worship. We would love to pray for you by name this week and have the opportunity to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

## The Word of God

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*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

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## The Gloria

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with Thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The people kneel or stand for the Collect of the Day:*

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## First Lesson

**The Book of Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

**1** The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

<sup>13</sup> bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup> learn to do good;

seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.  
<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23** *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

<sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
<sup>2</sup> **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**  
<sup>3</sup> Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.  
<sup>4</sup> **He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**  
<sup>5</sup> ‘Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’  
<sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.**  
<sup>7</sup> ‘Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.

**<sup>8</sup>Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt-offerings are continually before me.**

<sup>22</sup>‘Mark this, then, you who forget God,  
or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

**<sup>23</sup>Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;  
to those who go the right way  
I will show the salvation of God.’**

## **Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

**11** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*     **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 12:32-40**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People:*     **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*     **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Brian McVey**

*The people stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 326**

*The people kneel or stand.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

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## **The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP p. 330**

## **The Comfortable Words**

**BCP p. 332**

*The people stand.*

## **The Peace**

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*The people sit.*

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

*The offering plates are on either side of the center aisle by the front pew.*

*You may also give online through the QR code to the right.*



## **The Offertory Sentence**

*People:*      **All Things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own, have we given  
Thee.**



# **The Holy Communion**

## **Eucharistic Prayer I**

**BCP p. 333**

*The people kneel or stand*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 336**

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**BCP p. 337**

*This is the table, not of the Church, but of God. It is to be made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because I invite you: it is God, and it is God's will that you who want God should meet God here.*

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p. 339**

## **The Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

**BCP p. 340**

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Pauline & Oliver McIntyre in Thanksgiving to God for the anniversary of their marriage!

### **Thank you to our servers today.**

Celebrant: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Deacon: *The Rev. Suzie Johnston*

Acolyte and Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

Lector: *Rusty Bowden*

Chalice: *Hunter McCarty*

Flowers: *Betty Douglass*

Vestry: *Hilary Wagner*

Live Stream: *Nancy Allen, Hunter McCarty, Joshua McVey*







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