



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026, 10:30 AM

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

Nursery is available for children up to age five in the Parish Hall across the courtyard. Children of all ages are welcome in the service. You can 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 "S" pages from the hymnal appear at the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black-and-red hymnal at both ends of the pews.

Our services are live-streamed and available to the public via our YouTube channel. Please speak to an usher if you prefer not to be on camera.



New or Visiting This Morning?

We would love to pray for you by name this week and to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

Prelude:

Prelude in D Minor

J.S. Bach

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional: *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*

Hymnal #450

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

People: **And blessed be His holy kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S-278

† *The children are invited to follow the cross to the Children's Chapel.* †

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as able.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 1 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

1 Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

3 They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

**4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among

⁴⁴ “The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’”?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord
People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Brian McVey

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP p. 385

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

Please stand as able.

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Please sit.

The Welcome and Announcements

*Make your offering in the plates being passed along the pews
or online through the QR code on the right.*



The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: *All Things Work Together for Good* by David Schwoebel Advent Choir

Please stand as able.

Presentation: *Praise God, from whom* **Tune:** Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP p. 361**

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord* Hymnal S-125

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Lord's Prayer **BCP p. 364**

Fraction Anthem: *Christ, our Passover* Hymnal S-152

All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Music: Organ meditation

Please kneel as able.

Post Communion Prayer **BCP p. 365**

The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Hymn: *Where cross the crowded ways of life* **Hymnal #609**

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

Postlude: *Postlude on the closing hymn* W. Wensell

The altar flowers are given today in thanksgiving for the harvest and the life to come through Christ our Lord.

Thank You to our Servers Today:

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Acolytes: *Hannah McVey*, Paige Freundlich, Sadie Freundlich*

Lector: *Carol LaNeve*

Chalice Bearers: *Lindy Womack, Candida Bannister*

Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*

Vestry: *Valerie Stogdill*

Children's Chapel: *Martha Bowden*

Altar Guild: *Janice Rice, Debbie Atkinson, Pat Smith*

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