

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Church of the Advent

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026, 8 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.

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.

Holy Eucharist Rite 1 BCP p. 323

The Word of God

Please stand as able.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity BCP p. 323

The Gloria BCP p. 324

The Collect of the Day BCP p. 325

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please kneel or stand as able.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end.
People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson — Amos 5:18-24

A reading from the Prophet Amos.

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
  Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;

19 as if someone fled from a lion,
  and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
  and was bitten by a snake.

20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
  and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
  and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
  I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
  I will not look upon.

23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
  I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

24 But let justice roll down like waters,
  and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 70 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O LORD, make haste to help me!

[2] **Let those be put to shame and confusion**
who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour
who desire to hurt me.

[3] Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!'
turn back because of their shame.

[4] **Let all who seek you**
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, 'God is great!'

[5] But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

[13] But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will

bring with him those who have died. **15** For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. **16** For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five
were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4
but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was
delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a
shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all
those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the
wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise
replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go
to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it,
the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came
also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do

not know you." [13] Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon **The Rev. Brian McVey**

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed **BCP p. 326**

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People **BCP p. 328**

The Confession and Absolution **BCP p. 330**

The Comfortable Words **BCP p. 332**

Please stand as able.

The Peace **BCP p. 332**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And with Thy spirit.**

Please 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 on the right.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

Please kneel or stand as able.

Eucharistic Prayer I BCP p. 333

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 you who have little, have been here often and have not been for a long time, have tried to follow, and 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.

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

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 339

Please kneel as able.

The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Dismissal BCP p. 340

The altar flowers are given today in thanksgiving for all the saints who from their labors rest!

Thank you to our servers today.

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Lector: *Hilary Wagner*

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Acolyte & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

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