

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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: *Savior, like a shepherd led us* arr. W. Wensell Advent Bells

The Word of God BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional: *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* Hymnal #436

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.
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure; that, when He comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
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.
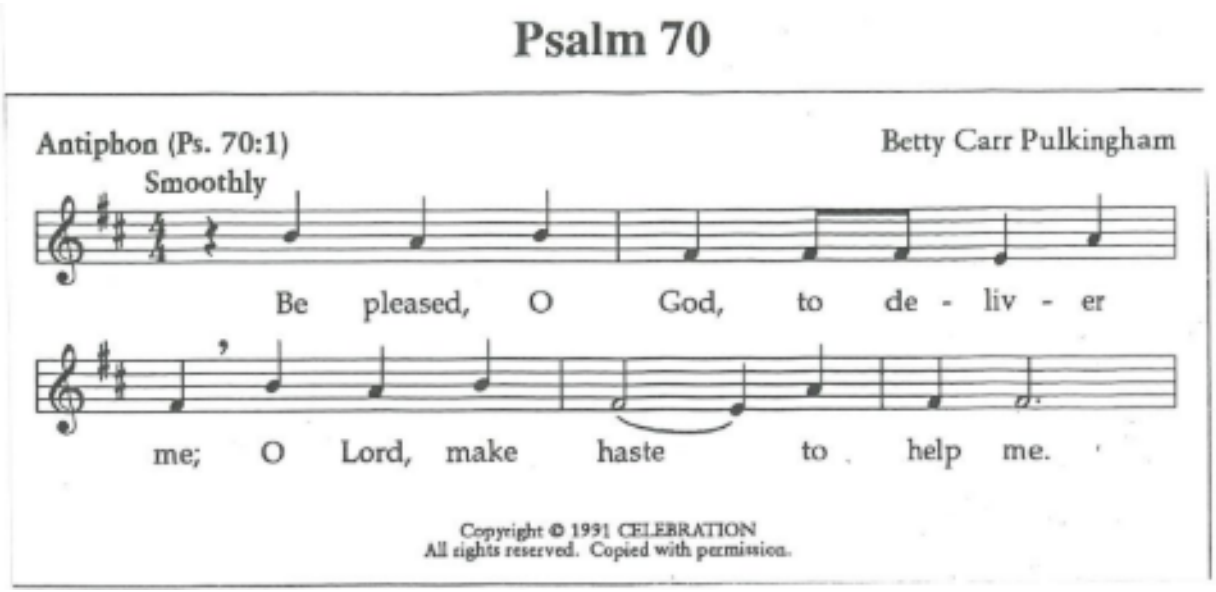
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
  I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

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 join the choir in singing the antiphon after each verse.*



[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.**

Gospel Hymn: ***Praise our great and gracious Lord*** **Hymnal #393**

The Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12

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

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.

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: *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. W. Wensell 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: ***Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*** **Hymnal #690**

The Dismissal **BCP p. 366**

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

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*
Acolytes: *Hannah McVey, Katie Womack*, Abby Womack*
Lector: *Leslie DiNella*
Chalice Bearers: *Tom DiNella, Candida Bannister*
Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*
Vestry: *Candida Bannister*
Children's Chapel: *Jane Simmons*
Altar Guild: *Lynn Conroy, Hannah McVey, Nancy Allen, Valerie Stogdill*
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Janet Brown (2026)
Valerie Stogdill (2027)
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Robyn Duffy (2028)
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