

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Church of the Advent

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson — **Zephaniah 1:7-18**

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

[7] Be silent before the Lord GOD!
   For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
   he has consecrated his guests.

[8] And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice
I will punish the officials and the king's sons
   and all who dress themselves in foreign attire.

[9] On that day I will punish
   all who leap over the threshold,
who fill their master's house
   with violence and fraud.

[10] On that day, says the LORD,
   a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
   a loud crash from the hills.

[11] The inhabitants of the Mortar wail,
   for all the traders have perished;
   all who weigh out silver are cut off.

[12] At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
   and I will punish the people
who rest complacently[a] on their dregs,
   those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
   nor will he do harm.'

13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

[18] Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 90 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

[1] Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.

[2] Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

[3] You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'

[4] For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

[5] You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

10 The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you.

12 So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

13 Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that
the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is
peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour
pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you,
beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are
all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and
be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk
at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the
breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God
has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may
live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
Please stand as able.

The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

[14] 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted
his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16] The one who had
received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five
more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug
a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the
master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one
who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents,
saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five
more talents." [21] His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy
slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your master." [22] And the one with the two
talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two
talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23] His master said to him, "Well
done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [24]
Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying,
"Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow,
and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25] so I was afraid, and I went
and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." [26] But his
master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap
where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to
have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have
received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and
give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will
be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have
nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing
of teeth."

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**

Administration of Communion

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.

Please kneel as able.

Post Communion Prayer **BCP p. 339**

The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Dismissal **BCP p. 340**

The altar flowers are given today for the glory of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank you to our servers today.

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*
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