

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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: *Little Prelude* in D Minor J. S. Bach

The Word of God BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional: *O God, our help in ages past* Hymnal #680

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You 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
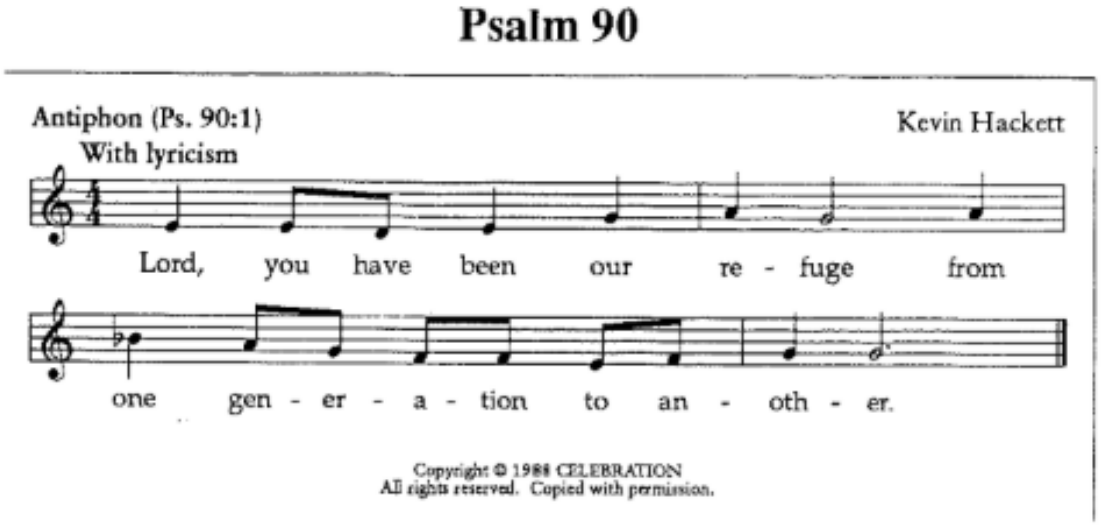
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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 favor 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.

Gospel Hymn: *Take my life, and let it be* Hymnal #707

The Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30

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

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.”

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

Sermon The Rev. Brian McVey

Please stand, as able.

The Nicene Creed **BCP p. 358**
The Prayers of the People, Form III **BCP p. 387**
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: *I've Found a Friend* by 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: ***Light's abode, celestial Salem*** **Hymnal #621**

The Dismissal **BCP p. 366**

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

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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Lector: *Flora Ukoli*
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Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*
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