



**Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**Church of the Advent**  
***The Eve of the Nativity of the Lord***  
December 24, 2025, 4 pm

*Welcome to 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. Find activity clipboards and coloring sheets for children in the narthex.*

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in the racks. The 1982 Hymnal is the blue book; the hymnal "S" pages appear in the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black and red hymnal at both the pews' ends.*

*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 have the opportunity to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

Prelude	Three Fugues on the <i>Magnificat</i> by J. Pachelbel	W. Wensell
Voluntary	<i>Behold a Rose is Blooming</i> by J. Brahms	W. Wensell

## **The Word of God**

**Rite II BCP p. 355**

<b>Processional</b>	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	<b>Hymnal #102</b>
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*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**The Collect for Purity**

**BCP p. 355**

<b>The Gloria</b>	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
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**Hymnal #96**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **First Lesson**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

*Read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

- <sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> **Honor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>8</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in holy splendor;  
tremble before him, all the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> **Say among the nations, ‘The Lord is king!  
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.  
He will judge the peoples with equity.’**
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- <sup>12</sup> **let the field exult, and everything in it.**  
**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**
- <sup>13</sup> before the Lord; for he is coming,  
for he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.

## Second Lesson

**Titus 2:11-14**

*Reader:* A reading from the letter to Titus

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

The Setting of the Creche (during vs. 3 & 4)

**Hymnal 78**

The Children

*The children are invited to remain by the steps for the homily after setting up the creche.*

## The Gospel

**Luke 2:1-20**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

***People:* Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in

the inn. <sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Brian McVey**

*Please stand as able.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

**The Prayers of the People, Form IV**

**BCP p. 388**

**The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP p. 360**

*Please stand as able.*

## **The Peace**

**BCP p. 360**

*Please sit.*

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

*Giving financially is a part of our weekly worship. You can leave a gift in the offering plate or online using the QR code to the right.*



## **The Offertory**

*O Holy Night* by Adolphe Adam

Katie Womack

## **Presentation Hymn**

*Greensleeves*

**Hymnal 115 Vs. 3**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP p. 367**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **Proper Preface**

**BCP p. 378**

## **Sanctus**

**Hymnal #S-125**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**

## **Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal #S-155**



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

**Communion Hymn**                      *The First Nowell*                      **Hymnal #109**

**The Post-Communion Prayer**                      **BCP p. 365**

**Hymn**                      *Silent Night Holy Night*                      **Hymnal #111**

**The Christmas Blessing**

**Closing Processional Hymn**    *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*                      **Hymnal #87**

**Proclamation: The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ**

The Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century, since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century, since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; In the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by His most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man:

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

**Voluntary:**

*Tocatta* by G. Young

**W. Wensell**

**The Poinsettias Given**

**By Nancy Allen:**

In Thanksgiving for family.

**By Candida Bannister:**

In Thanksgiving for family and friends.

In Memory of Mary Clyde Sparks.

In Memory of Robert and Miwako Cleve.

**By Gregg and Lynn Conroy:**

In Thanksgiving for Daniel Conroy (for healing).

In Thanksgiving for Andy & Kim, Brandon & Rachel, Kylie & Keon.

In Thanksgiving for Gregg.

In Memory of D.J. Conroy and Polly Longhurst.

**By Gregg, Daniel, Kim, Blake, Brandon, and Kylie Conroy**

In Thanksgiving for Lynn Conroy.

**By Tom and Leslie DiNella:**

In Thanksgiving for Ava, Muriel, and Vincent.

In Memory of Rom and Gerry.

In Memory of Wyatt and Jeanne Glenn DiNella.

**By Betty and Larry Douglass**

In Thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Turner, Maggie, Carey IV, Connley, and Catie.

In memory of Carey Cheij.

In memory of Ingrid Sevin.

**By Dr. William Farrar**

In Memory of Jane Henry Farrar

In Memory of Frances Cox Farrar

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Farrar, Sr.

**By Curt Guenther**

In Thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

**By Mada Johnston:**

In Memory of her parents, Jackson & Ada Patterson.

**By Rev. Suzanne Johnston:**

In Memory of Rev. & Mrs. Earl Johnston.

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Silbernagel, II.

In Memory of Dr. Michael George.

**By the LaNeve Family:**

In Memory of Jean and Charles Rahme.

In Memory for Kathryn V. Unitas.

**By Hunter and Carol Lynn McCarty**

In Thanksgiving for our Advent Family.

**Rev. Brian and Karen McVey**

In Thanksgiving for Sarah, Amanda, Nathan, Robbie, David, Hannah, and Joshua.

In Memory of Rev. Kathie Phillips.

**By Janice and Jerry Rice:**

In Thanksgiving for our son, Russ.

**By Jane Simmons:**

In Thanksgiving for my family.

In Memory of my loved ones.

**By Valerie and Brian Stogdill:**

In Thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.

In Memory of our parents.

**By Flora Ukoli:**

In Thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren.

In Memory of her parents, Chief Paul M. Ukoli and Mrs. Elizabeth Ukoli.

**Thank you to our servers today:**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian McVey

**Deacon:** The Rev. Suzie Johnston

**Verger:** Candida Bannister

**Acolyte & Lector:** Joshua McVey

**Chalice:** Hunter McCarty

**Altar Guild:** Carol McCarty, Edith Nau, and Paula Taylor



# The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



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SAVIOR  
CAESAR  
CHILD

CENSUS  
SON  
SHEPHERDS

MARY  
JOSEPH  
ANGEL

MANGER  
MESSIAH  
BETHLEHEM

BORN  
ROOM  
BABY

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