



Festal Choral Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

Easter Day

April 5, 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.

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 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.

Holy Eucharist Rite 2

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Prelude

Alleluia! By Handl/Wiskirchen

Brass Quartet

The Word of God

Please stand as able.

Processional

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Hymnal #207

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

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Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Gloria

Hymnal S-280

All.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: ***Amen.***

Please sit.

The First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’ The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

118: 1-2, 14-24

Please read responsively by whole verse following the lector.

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
- ² **Let Israel say,**
‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’

¹⁷**I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please stand as able.

Hymn: *Hail thee, festival day! (v 1-4)* **Hymnal #175**

Flowering of the Cross

Children are invited to come forward to flower the cross as the congregation sings the following hymn. Flowers are provided. Children may stay on the chancel steps for the children’s homily.

Children's Homily

Children are invited to stay at the chancel steps after flowering the cross for a homily.

Please sit.

The Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, **3** for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn *Love's Redeeming Work...*

Hymnal #188

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' **8** So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they

came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’ The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Brian McVey

The Nicene Creed

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All.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

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Leader: Father, we pray for Your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve You;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**
Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**
Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;
People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Leader: We praise You for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Please add your petitions, silently or aloud.

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel, as able.

All.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

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Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

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Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please sit.

The Welcome and Announcements

*Make your offering in the plates being passed along the pews
or online through the QR code to the right.*



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Crown Him with many crowns*
arr. C. Courtney

Advent Choir & Brass

Please stand as able.

Presentation *Praise God, from whom* Tune: Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious Resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy, Lord Hymnal No. S-129

All.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
The people stand or kneel.**

Please kneel or stand as able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All.

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection

under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

All.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem *Christ, our Passover* Hymnal No. S-155

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

Communion Music *At the Lamb's High Feast* Hymnal No. 174

Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please kneel as able.

All.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food**

Thanks to those who served today

Acolytes: Joshua McVey, Katie Womack, and Abby Womack*

Verger: Candida Bannister

Chalice Bearer: John Womack

Lector: Flora Ukoli

Brass: Doug Ronning, Isabella Jones, Diane Ronning, Joel Sutherland

Choir: Flora Ukoli, Mada Johnston, Hilary Wagner, Robert McMillan, Jean Anne Tarleton, Abbey F. Williams, Candida Bannister, Ethan Williams, Olivia

Greene and John Womack

Music Director: Waldemar Wensell

Ushers: David Mcvey and Jim Atkinson

Nursery: Volunteer

Children's Chapel: No Chapel

Altar Guild: Lynn Conroy, Hannah McVey, Nancy Allen, Valerie Stogdill

Deacon: The Rev. Suzie Johnston

Celebrant: The Rev. Brian McVey

The Lilies around the Altar Are Given

In memory of Robert and Miwako Cleve, Mary Clyde Sparks,
and in thanksgiving for friends and family.

By Candida Bannister

In loving memory of Clayton and Betty Callahan, and Bud and Nita Bracewell,
and in Thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.

By John and Wendy Bracewell

In memory of Jean & Jim Chandler, Gilda & John Platt, Justine & Jesse
Thomas Jr., Leona & Jesse Thomas, Brian Thomas, Penny Harp, Debbie
Randolf, and Darcy Padilla; and in thanksgiving for Molly DeShazo & Kevin
Platt, Carolyn, Caldwell, Anna James & Wells Lucas.

By Jeri Platt

In memory of my wife Kay Guenther, and
in thanksgiving for our marriage, our children, and grandchildren.

By Curt Guenther

In memory of Ron, Gerry, Wyatt, and Jeanne, and Glenn DiNella,
and in thanksgiving for Ava, Muriel, and Vincent.

By Leslie and Tom DiNella

In thanksgiving for our family.

By Carol Lynn and Hunter McCarty

In memory of Jean and Charles Rahme and Kathryn LaNeve Unitas.

By the LaNeve family

In memory of Reverend Kathie Phillips.

By the McVeys

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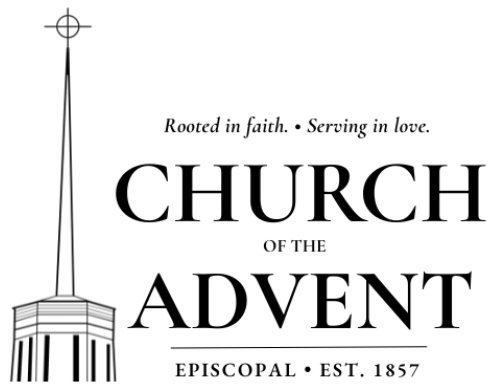
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