



**Morning Prayer Rite I**  
**Church of the Advent**

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 20, 2026, 8 am*

*Welcome to Church of the Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today. On most Sundays, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist through which all baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. In the absence of our rector and priest this morning, we are observing Morning Prayer. Please 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.*

*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.*

## **Daily Morning Prayer:**

**BCP p. 37**

### **Rite One**

The Lord is in His holy Temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him

*Habakkuk 2:20*

### **Confession of Sin**

**BCP p. 41**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence.*

*All*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

*People:*     **Amen.**

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**BCP p. 42**

*Please stand as able.*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*All*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People:* **O come, let us adore him.**

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

**BCP p. 44**

*In unison*

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \***

**let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \***

**and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his, and he made it, \***

**and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God, \***

**and we are the people of his pasture**

**and the sheep of his hand.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

## The Psalm

BCP p. 648

### Psalms 145:1-8

*In unison*

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup> On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- <sup>6</sup> The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness.
- <sup>7</sup> They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The First Lesson

A reading from the Prophet Jonah. (3:10-4:11)

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>1</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the Lord and said, ‘O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup> And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ <sup>4</sup> And the Lord said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ <sup>5</sup> Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ <sup>10</sup> Then the Lord said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Canticle 4**

**BCP p. 50**

*In unison*

## **The Second Lesson**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. (1:21-30)

<sup>21</sup> For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup> Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup> For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*In unison***The Third Lesson**

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (20:1-16)

<sup>1</sup> ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” <sup>7</sup> They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 7**

**BCP p. 52**

*In unison*

**The Apostles' Creed**

**BCP p. 53**

*All*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

BCP p. 54

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*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.**

## Suffrage B

BCP p. 55

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. **Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. **And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. **As our trust is in thee.**

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
R. **Let me never be confounded.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:*     **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of Thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of Thee, that the days to come may be spent in Thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:*     **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Guidance**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray Thee so to guide and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget Thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:*     **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out Thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of Thy saving embrace: So clothe us in Thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know Thee to the knowledge and love of

Thee; for the honor of Thy Name.

*People:*      **Amen.**

*Intercessions may be offered silently or aloud.*

## **Announcements**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*All*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.**

**We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy

well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

*People:*     **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:*     **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

*People:*     **Amen.**

*Communion from the Reserved Sacrament is available at the altar rail  
immediately following Morning Prayer.*

**Flowers are given today in thanksgiving for the wedding of Sara Chamma and Nathan McVey. *A donation was also made to the Body and Soul Pantry in thanksgiving for Nancy Allen's contributions to this ministry.***



*The ministry of Advent is funded through the generous contributions of the congregation. The offering plates are on either side of the center aisle by the front pew. You may also give online through the QR code to the left.*

**Thank you to those who served this morning.**

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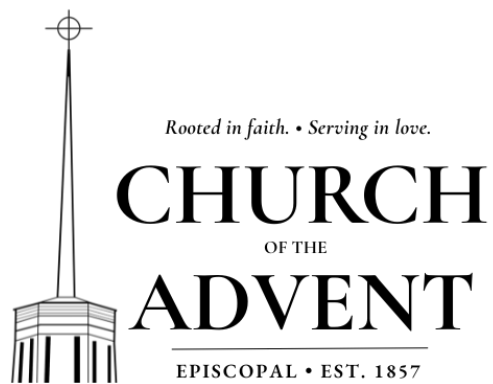
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