

**Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Church of the Advent**

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*  
January 18, 2026, 10:30 AM

*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. Nursery is available for children four years and under in the Parish Hall across the courtyard. Older children are invited to follow the cross during the Gloria for a children's homily. Find activity bags 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 *Fanfare in D* W. Wensell

## The Word of God **Rite II BCP p. 355**

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional** *Christ, whose glories fills the skies* **Hymnal #7**

*Celebrant:* Blessed Be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**The Collect for Purity** **BCP p. 355**

**The Gloria** **Hymnal #278**

† *The children are invited to follow the cross to the Children's Chapel.* †

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

**49** Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

**2** He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

**3** And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

**4** But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God.'

**5** And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

**6** he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

**7** Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,

‘Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Psalm

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

### Psalm 40

**1** I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**2** He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.

**3** He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

**4** Happy are those who make  
the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.

**5** You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;  
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

**6** Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.

**Burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have not required.**

**7** Then I said, 'Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**8 I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.'**

**9** I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.

**10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

**11** Do not, O LORD, withhold  
your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe for ever.

**Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Corinth.

**1** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

**2** To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

**3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**4** I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5** for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— **6** just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— **7** so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **8** He will also strengthen you to the

end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn** *God of mercy, God of grace* **Hymnal #538**

**The Gospel** **John 1:29-42**

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

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

**29** The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” **31** I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ **32** And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. **33** I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” **34** And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

**35** The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, **36** and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ **37** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. **38** When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ **39** He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. **40** One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. **41** He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is

translated Anointed). **42** He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

*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 kneel or stand as able.*

## **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

**BCP p. 387**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP p. 393**

*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**

*Blessed Assurance* arr. by W. Wensell

Advent Choir

*Please stand as able.*

## **Presentation Hymn**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings ...***

# The Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

*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 stand or kneel as able.*

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

## Fraction Anthem

*Christ our Passover*

Hymnal #S-152

*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 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. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are welcome to receive communion.*

## Communion Music

*Organ Meditation*

## The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

## The Blessing

## Closing Hymn

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Hymnal #535

**The Dismissal**

**BCP p. 366**

**Postlude:**

Postlude on the closing hymn

W Wensell

*The flowers on the altar are given in Thanksgiving to God for the birth of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## *Thank You to our Servers Today*

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

**Deacon:** The Rev. Suzie Johnston

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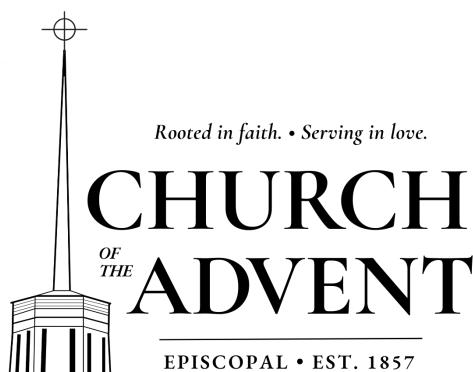
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