



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 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

Praise and Thanksgiving arr. by S.K. Tucker

Advent Bells

The Word of God

Rite II BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional *The people who walked in darkness* **Hymnal #126**

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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

58 Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

3 ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;
 when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
 your vindicator shall go before you,
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.
9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
 If you remove the yoke from among you,
 the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
10 if you offer your food to the hungry
 and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
 then your light shall rise in the darkness
 and your gloom be like the noonday.
11 The LORD will guide you continually,
 and satisfy your needs in parched places,
 and make your bones strong;
 and you shall be like a watered garden,
 like a spring of water,
 whose waters never fail.
12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
 the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

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

Psalm 112

1 Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.

**4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**6 For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.**

7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.

**10 The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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

2 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear

and in much trembling. **4** My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. **7** But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him’—

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11** For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. **13** And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. **15** Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

16 ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?’

But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Hymn

God be in my head

Hymnal #694

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

13 ‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17 ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. **18** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **20** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

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The Offertory

For the beauty of the earth 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

O Zion, tune Thy voice

Hymnal #543

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 manifestation of His glory
in His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!*

Thank You to our Servers Today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Brian McVey

Deacon & Preacher: The Rev. Suzie Johnston

Verger: Candida Bannister

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Torch Bearers: Joshua McVey & Abby Womack

Psalmist: Joshua McVey

Lector: Abbey Williams

Chalice Bearers: John Womack and Candida Bannister

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Ushers: Jim Atkinson & Jonathan Williams

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