

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

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 15, 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

Fugue on O Perfect Love

Waldemar Wensell

The Word of God

Rite II BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Hymnal #135

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.

O God, who before the passion of Your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of His countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

A Reading from the book of the the Exodus

12 The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ **13** So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. **14** To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’

15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. **16** The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. **17** Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. **18** Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

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

Psalm 99

1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

2 The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

4 Mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Extol the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

**6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

**7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.**

**8 O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

**9 Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.**

Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

A Reading from the letter of Peter.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ **18** We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **20** First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, **21** because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Hymn *Christ whose glory fills the skies* **Hymnal #7**

The Gospel **Matthew 17:1-9**

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

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

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ **8** And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

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**

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

Behold now, praise the Lord by E. Titcomb

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

Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Hymnal #561

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 & Preacher: The Rev. Brian McVey

Deacon: The Rev. Suzie Johnston

Verger: Candida Bannister

Crucifer: Katie Womack

Torch Bearers: Hannah McVey & Abby Womack

Psalmist: Joshua McVey

Lector: Robert McMillan

Chalice Bearers: Rosemary Kelley and Candida Bannister

Music Director: Waldemar Wensell

Children's Chapel: Martha Bowden

Godly Play: Hannah McVey

Ushers: David McVey and Greg Platt

Vestry: Valerie Stogdill

Altar Guild: Anne Williams, Jeri Platt, and Jane Simmons

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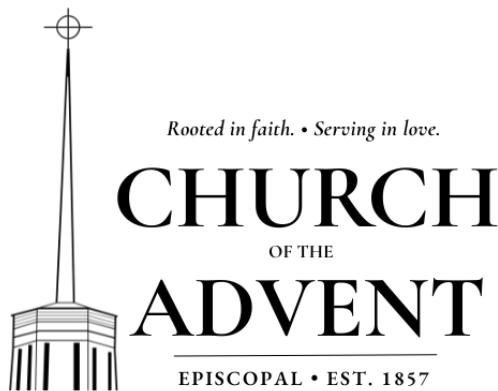
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