



**The Great Litany &  
Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Church of the Advent**

***The First Sunday of Lent***  
February 22, 2026, 8 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. 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.

**ABOUT TODAY'S LITURGY:** The Great Litany, a cornerstone of Anglican liturgical tradition, traces its origins to 4th-century Church liturgies. Notably, it stands as the first liturgical rite composed in English. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer adapted these ancient forms, publishing the Litany in 1544. Henry VIII subsequently mandated its use in 1549 amidst conflicts with Scotland and France, highlighting its role as a prayer for national crisis.

The Litany's penitential character makes it particularly suitable for Lent, though its use is permitted throughout the liturgical year. According to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) rubrics, when incorporated into a Eucharist, the Great Litany substitutes the customary processional hymn.

# The Great Litany

BCP p. 148

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

*Priest:* O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Priest:* O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Priest:* O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Priest:* O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Priest:* Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

*People:* **Spare us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Priest:* From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Priest:* From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Priest:* From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Priest:* From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Priest:* From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Priest:* By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Priest:* By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Priest:* In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Priest:* We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

*People:*       **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:*       That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

*People:*       **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:*       That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

*People:*       **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:*       That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

*People:*       **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:*       That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

*People:*       **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:*       That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

*People:*       **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:*       That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*People:*       **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:*       That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*People:*       **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:*       That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*People:*       **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

*People:* **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Priest:* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People:* **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

*Priest:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Priest:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Priest:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People:* **Grant us thy peace.**

*Priest:* O Christ, hear us.  
*People:* **O Christ, hear us.**

*Please stand as able.*

## **Kyrie**

**BCP p. 324**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help Thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as Thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find Thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **First Lesson**

**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

**15** The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

**16** And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

**3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' **2** The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; **3** but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' **4** But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; **5** for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be



opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please sit.*

## **The Psalm**

*Please read responsively by half verse.*

### **Psalm 32**

- 1** Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**
- 2** Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3** While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**
- 4** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- 5** Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
**I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD’,  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**
- 6** Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
**at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.**
- 7** You are a hiding-place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
**you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

- 8** I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
**I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
- 9** Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
**whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,**  
**else it will not stay near you.**
- 10** Many are the torments of the wicked,  
**but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**
- 11** Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
**and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

## **Second Lesson**

## **Romans 5:12-19**

A Reading from the letter to the church in Rome

**12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— **13** sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. **14** Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

**15** But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. **16** And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. **17** If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

**18** Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. **19** For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as able.*

## The Gospel

## Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

**4** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. **3** The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ **4** But he answered, ‘It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

**5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

**6** saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,  
and “On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

**7** Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

**8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; **9** and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ **10** Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.”

**11** Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit.*

## The Sermon

**The Rev. Brian McVey**

*Please stand as able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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*Please stand or kneel as able.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

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*Please stand.*

## **The Peace**

**BCP p. 332**

*Please sit.*

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

*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 right.*



# **The Holy Communion**

## **The Offertory Sentence**

*People:*      **All Things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own, have we given Thee.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer I**

**BCP p. 333**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 336**

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**BCP p. 337**

*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.*

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p. 339**

## **The Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

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**Thank you to our servers today.**

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