

**A Penitential Order &
Holy Eucharist Rite I
Church of the Advent**

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 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.

A Penitential Order

Rite I BCP p. 319

Please stand as able.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: **His mercy endureth for ever. Amen.**

Please stand or sit.

The Exhortation

BCP p. 316

Please kneel as able.

The Decalogue: Traditional

BCP p. 317

Confession

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Absolution

BCP p. 321

Please stand as able.

Kyrie

BCP p. 324

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Please stand or kneel as able.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Thy Word, Jesus Christ Thy Son; who with Thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. **2** I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 121 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

- 1** I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**
- 3** He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- 5** The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- 7** The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- 8 The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from the letter to the church in Rome

4 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. **3** For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was

reckoned to him as righteousness.’ **4** Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. **5** But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. **14** If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. **15** For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, **17** as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

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.’

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

BCP p. 326

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

BCP p. 328

Please stand as able.

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 Offertory Sentence

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

The Holy Communion

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

BCP p. 340

Thank you to our servers today.

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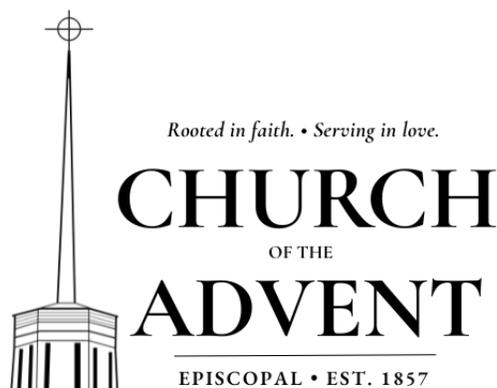
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