

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

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 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

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Please stand as able.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

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

Please kneel as able.

The Decalogue: Traditional

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Confession

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Absolution

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Please stand as able.

Kyrie

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The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Please stand or kneel as able.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

The Book of Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Exodus:

1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. **2** The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' **3** But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' **4** So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' **5** The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7** He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 95 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

1 O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

3 For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

**5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

6 O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

**9 when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

10 For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways.’

**11 Therefore in my anger I swore,
‘They shall not enter my rest.’**

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

A Reading from the letter to the church in Rome

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. **3** And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. **8** But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. **9** Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. **10** For if

while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. **11** But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Gospel

John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. **8** (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) **10** Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' **11** The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? **12** Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' **13** Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14** but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' **15** The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

16 Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' **17** The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband";

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ **19** The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. **20** Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ **21** Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23** But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. **24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ **25** The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ **26** Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ **28** Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, **29** ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ **30** They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ **32** But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ **33** So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ **34** Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. **35** Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. **36** The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. **37** For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” **38** I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ **40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. **41** And many more believed because of his word. **42** They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

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 kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

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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

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Please kneel or stand as able.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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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

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The Blessing

Dismissal

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Thank you to our servers today.

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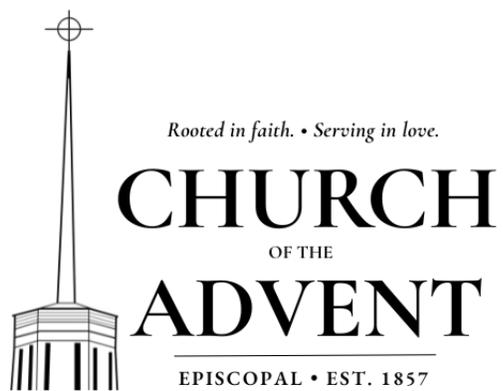
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