



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025, 10:30 AM

Welcome to Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today. All baptized Christians in any 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 across the courtyard in the Parish Hall. 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?

Thank you for gathering with us today for worship. 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

Largo by F. J. Haydn

Waldemar Wensell

The Word of God

Rite II BCP p. 355

Please stand as able

Processional

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”

Hymnal #68

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Hymnal #S-280

† *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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; 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

The Book of Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

¹³ bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector*

¹ The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**
³ Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.
⁴ **He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵ ‘Gather to me my faithful ones,
 who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’
⁶ **The heavens declare his righteousness,
 for God himself is judge.**
⁷ ‘Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
 O Israel, I will testify against you.
 I am God, your God.
⁸ **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
 your burnt-offerings are continually before me.**
²² ‘Mark this, then, you who forget God,
 or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.
²³ **Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;
 to those who go the right way
 I will show the salvation of God.’**

Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on

the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Hymn ***If thou but trust in God***

Hymnal #635

The Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

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

*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

Organ Voluntary

W. Wensell

Please stand as able

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom...

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. 377

Sanctus

Hymnal #S-129

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

Hymnal #S-155

This table is not the Church's but God's. It is prepared for those who cherish God and those whose hearts yearn to love God more deeply. Therefore, come, you of unwavering faith and whose faith flickers. Come, you who are familiar here and have been long-absent. Come, you who strive, and you who stumble. God will meet you here. All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Music

Organ Meditation

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

How firm a foundation

Hymnal #636

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude:

Postlude on the closing hymn

Waldemar Wensell

**The Flowers on the Altar are given by Pauline & Oliver McIntyre in
Thanksgiving to God for their anniversary!**

Thank You to our Servers Today:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Brian McVey

Deacon: The Rev. Suzie Johnston

Verger: Candida Bannister

Acolytes: Joshua McVey, Abby Womack, Lilian Williams

Psalmist: Joshua McVey

Lector: Carol LaNeve

Chalice Bearers: John Womack

Music Director: Waldemar Wensell

Children's Chapel: Martha Bowden

Nursery: Rachel Watney

Vestry: Hilary Wagner

Ushers: Greg Platt & Jim Atkinson

Flower Guild: Betty Douglass

Streamers: Joshua McVey, Hannah McVey, Katie Womack, John Womack, Lilian Williams



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