



**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**Church of the Advent**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 31, 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?**

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                      *Praise be to Almighty God* by JS Bach                      Waldemar Wensell

**The Word of God**    **Rite II BCP p. 355**

*Please stand as able*

**Processional**                      *Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee*                      **Hymnal #376**

*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*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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*

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah

<sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup>They did not say, 'Where is the Lord  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?'

<sup>7</sup>I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.  
But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup>The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?'  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore once more I accuse you,  
says the Lord,  
and I accuse your children's children.

<sup>10</sup>Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup>Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?  
But my people have changed their glory

for something that does not profit.  
<sup>12</sup> Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
says the Lord,  
<sup>13</sup> for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 81:1, 10-16** *please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

- <sup>1</sup> Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- <sup>10</sup> **I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**
- <sup>11</sup> ‘But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.
- <sup>12</sup> **So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.**
- <sup>13</sup> O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- <sup>14</sup> **Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,  
and turn my hand against their foes.**
- <sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,  
and their doom would last for ever.

<sup>16</sup> **I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'**

## **Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

**13** Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?'

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn**                *Take my life, and let it be*

**Hymnal #707**

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

**14** On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

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

Waldemar Wensell

*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. 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 belongs to God, not the church. It is prepared for everyone who loves God and wants to love God more. So come, whether your faith is strong or weak. Come, whether you have been here many times or not in a long time. Come, whether you are struggling or content. God invites you to meet Him here. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are welcome.*

## **Communion Music**

*Organ Voluntary*

Waldemar Wensell

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p. 365**

## **The Blessing**

## **Closing Hymn**

*All my hope is founded*

**Hymnal #665**

**The Dismissal**

**BCP p. 366**

**Postlude:**      Improvisation on the closing hymn      Waldemar Wensell

**The Flowers on the Altar are given in Thanksgiving to God!**

***Thank You to our Servers Today:***

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian McVey

**Deacon:** The Rev. Suzie Johnston

**Verger:** Candida Bannister

**Crucifer:** Hannah McVey

**Torch Bearers:** Katie Womack and Abby Womack

**Psalmist:** Joshua McVey

**Lector:** Pat Smith

**Chalice Bearers:** Joshua McVey and Candida Bannister

**Music Director:** Waldemar Wensell

**Children's Chapel:** Martha Bowden

**Nursery:** Jeri Platt

**Vestry:** Valerie Stogdill

**Ushers:** Greg Platt and Jerry Rice

**Flower Guild:** Edith Nau

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



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