



**Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Church of the Advent**

***The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**October 5, 2025, 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.*

*Most of our services are live-streamed on YouTube. Please see an usher to avoid being visible in the recording.*



### **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.

## **The Word of God**

**Rite I BCP p. 323**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Collect for Purity**

**BCP p. 323**

## **The Gloria**

**BCP p. 324**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with Thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The people kneel or stand for the Collect of the Day:*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## First Lesson

## Lamentations 1:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations

**1** How lonely sits the city

that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become,

she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces

has become a vassal.

<sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night,

with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers

she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,

they have become her enemies.

<sup>3</sup> Judah has gone into exile with suffering

and hard servitude;

she lives now among the nations,  
and finds no resting-place;  
her pursuers have all overtaken her  
in the midst of her distress.

<sup>4</sup>The roads to Zion mourn,  
for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate,  
her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve,  
and her lot is bitter.

<sup>5</sup>Her foes have become the masters,  
her enemies prosper,  
because the Lord has made her suffer  
for the multitude of her transgressions;  
her children have gone away,  
captives before the foe.

<sup>6</sup>From daughter Zion has departed  
all her majesty.  
Her princes have become like stags  
that find no pasture;  
they fled without strength  
before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

**Lamentations 3:19-26** *please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

<sup>19</sup>The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!

<sup>20</sup>**My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.**

- <sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:
- <sup>22</sup> **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;**
- <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.
- <sup>24</sup> **‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,  
‘therefore I will hope in him.’**
- <sup>25</sup> The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.
- <sup>26</sup> **It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.**

## Second Lesson

## 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I

was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 17:5-10**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Brian McVey**

*The people stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 326**

*The people kneel or stand.*

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| <b>The Prayers of the People</b>     | <b>BCP p. 328</b> |
| <b>The Confession and Absolution</b> | <b>BCP p. 330</b> |
| <b>The Comfortable Words</b>         | <b>BCP p. 332</b> |

*The people stand.*

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| <b>The Peace</b> | <b>BCP p. 332</b> |
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*The people 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**

*The people kneel or stand*

### **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, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who 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**

The Flowers on the Altar are given in Thanksgiving to God and in celebration of the  
Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Thank you to our servers today.**

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Deacon: *The Rev. Suzie Johnston*

Acolyte & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

Chalice: *Betty Douglass*

Lector: *Rusty Bowden*

Flowers: *Carol LaNeve*

Vestry: *Valerie Stogdill*

Altar Guild: *Lynn Conroy, Hannah McVey, Nancy Allen, and Valerie Stogdill*

Live Stream: *Nancy Allen, Hunter McCarty, Joshua McVey*



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