



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 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

Adagio by Karl F. Becker

Waldemar Wensell

The Word of God

Rite II BCP p. 355

Please stand as able

Processional *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* **Hymn #535**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please 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.
- 2** 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.
- 3** 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.
- 4** 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.
- 5** 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.
⁶From 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.*

¹⁹The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

²⁰**My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.**

²¹But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²²**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;**

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴**‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,
‘therefore I will hope in him.’**

²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶**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.

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

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

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

³ 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. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ 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. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ 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, ⁹ 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, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² 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. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ 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.**

Please stand as able.

Hymn

Day by day, dear Lord

Hymn #654

The Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶ 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.

⁷ ‘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”? ⁸ 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”? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ 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 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 VI

BCP p. 392

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 393

Please stand as able.

The Peace

Please sit.

BCP p. 360

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 *Now I belong to Jesus* arr. by W. Wensell Advent Choir

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 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.

Communion Music

Organ Meditation

Waldemar Wensell

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Amazing grace!

Hymnal #671

Postlude: Postlude on the closing hymn Waldemar Wensell

**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

Verger: Candida Bannister

Crucifer: Lilian Williams

Torch Bearers: Abby Womack and Paige Freundlich

Psalmist: Joshua McVey

Lector: David McVey

Chalice Bearers: Tom DiNella and Candida Bannister

Music Director: Waldemar Wensell

Children's Chapel: Anoosh Howser

Vestry: Valerie Stogdill

Flower Guild: Carol LaNeve

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

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



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