



**Healing &
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026, 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 ages 4 and under in the Parish Hall courtyard. 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 "S" pages from the hymnal appear at the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black-and-red hymnal at both ends of the pews.

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 to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

Prelude: *Prelude in C* by J. S. Bach

Waldemar Wensell

The Word of God

Rite II BCP p. 355

Please stand as able

Processional: *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Hymnal #481

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, we pray that Your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Please sit

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

¹ O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 23 *please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Hymn: *If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

Hymnal #635

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.’

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 Litany of Healing

Celebrant: Let us Pray. O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: by the might of

Your Spirit lift us, we pray, to Your presence, where we may be still and know that You are God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us name before God, either silently or aloud, those for whom we offer our prayers.

Intercessor: God the Father, Your will for all people is health and salvation.

***People:* We thank You and praise You, O Lord.**

Intercessor: God the Son, You came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

***People:* We thank You and praise You, O Lord.**

Intercessor: God the Holy Spirit, You make our bodies the temple of Your presence.

***People:* We thank You and praise You, O Lord.**

Intercessor: Holy Trinity, one God, in You we live and move and have our being.

***People:* We thank You and praise You, O Lord.**

Intercessor: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled especially, Jack Dreher, Betsy Gregory, Al Gross, Cornelia Hollister, John Johnson, Liz McComas, Jim Rosolino, Jean Anne Tarleton, Mada Johnston, Candida Bannister, Anne Aycock, Pennie & Mike Reese, Peggy, Cathy Garrell, Lynn Conroy, Patty, Mary & Donald Burkinshaw, Janet and the Hines family, Phocian Sampson, Stacey & Brently Alexander, Brenda, Hi Penn, Nancy and Robert Wells, Nathan, Lindy Womack, Evelyn Duffy, Jerome Bannister, John McCarty, The VanBrocklin family [Chalice Bearer add any names from the prayer sheet here], that they may be made whole.

***People:* Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Intercessor: Grant to all who seek Your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of Your will and an awareness of Your presence;

***People:* Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Intercessor: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

***People:* Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Intercessor: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

***People:* Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Intercessor: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of Your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

***People:* Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Intercessor: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

***People:* Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Intercessor: You are the Lord who does wonders;

***People:* You have declared Your power among the peoples.**

Intercessor: With You, O Lord, is the well of life;

***People:* And in Your light we see light.**

Intercessor: Hear us, O Lord of life;

***People:* Heal us and make us whole.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, giver of life and health: send Your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the Risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Confession & Laying on of Hands

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

Silence may be kept

People: Most merciful God, we confess we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You have redeemed us;

People: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord.

Celebrant: The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Those wishing to receive the healing sacrament of anointing with oil and the laying on of hands may come to the altar rail at this time.

The people stand.

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 Holy Communion

The Offertory: *As a Little Child* by Joseph Martin Advent Choir

Please stand as able

Presentation Hymn *Praise God, from whom all blessings ...*

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-125

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover*

Hymnal #S-152

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 Meditation* Waldemar Wensell

The Post-Communion Prayer

People: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to You, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to You; and then use us, we pray, as You will, and always to Your glory and the welfare of Your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to His heavenly country, where He lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (Verses 1-5)* Hymnal #656

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*

Crucifer: *Lillian Williams*

Torch Bearers: *Hannah McVey, Katie Womack*

Lector: *Pat Smith*

Chalice Bearers: *Tom DiNella and Joshua McVey*

Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*

Children's Chapel: *Jane Simmons*

Vestry: *Robyn Duffy*

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