



**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**Church of the Advent**  
**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 26, 2025, 10:30 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. 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* from Concerto in A Minor by J. S. Bach     Waldemar Wensell

## **The Word of God**

**Rite II BCP p. 355**

*Please stand as able*

**Processional     *Come, Thou fount of every blessing*     Hymn #686**

*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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; 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

## Joel 2:23-32

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Joel.

<sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,

the early and the later rain, as before.

<sup>24</sup> The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

<sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years

that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,

my great army, which I sent against you.

<sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,

and praise the name of the Lord your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

<sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,

and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again

be put to shame.

<sup>28</sup> Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

and your young men shall see visions.

<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female slaves,

in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

<sup>30</sup> I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the

great and terrible day of the Lord comes. <sup>32</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of

the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 65** *please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you,

    O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

<sup>2</sup>   **O you who answer prayer!**

**To you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
    you forgive our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
    to live in your courts.**

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
    your holy temple.**

<sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
    O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
    and of the farthest seas.

<sup>6</sup> **By your strength you established the mountains;  
    you are girded with might.**

<sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas,  
    the roaring of their waves,  
    the tumult of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.  
<sup>10</sup> **You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.**  
<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
<sup>12</sup> **The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,**  
<sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

## Second Lesson

## 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. <sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as able.*

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

**Hymn #635**

**The Gospel**

**Luke 18:9-14**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” <sup>13</sup>But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

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 II**

**BCP p. 385**

## **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 can also make a donation online using the QR code to the right.*



## **The Offertory**

*Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme*    by G. Young    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 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 to receive communion.*

## Communion Music

*Organ Meditation*

Waldemar Wensell

## The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

## The Blessing

## Closing Hymn

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord**

**Hymnal #636**

**The Dismissal**

**BCP p. 366**

**Postlude:** Postlude 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:** Lilian Williams

**Torch Bearers:** Katie Womack and Hannah McVey

**Psalmist:** Joshua McVey

**Lector:** Leslie DiNella

**Chalice Bearers:** Rosemary Kelley and Tom DiNella

**Music Director:** Waldemar Wensell

**Children's Chapel:** Anoosh Howser

**Vestry:** Jeri Platt

**Flower Guild:** Janice Rice

**Altar Guild:** Debbie Atkinson, Janice Rice, and Pat Smith

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



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