

Holy Eucharist Rite I

And Reception

Church of the Advent

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026, 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 "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.

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 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. 413

Bishop Blessed Be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever.**
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**
Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with Thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Kneel or stand as able.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Lesson — Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

[1] O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4] From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
[5] You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
[6] We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7] There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
[8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

[1] Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

[2] **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!

[3] Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

[4] **O Lord God of hosts,**
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

[5] You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

[6] **You make us the scorn of our neighbours;**
our enemies laugh among themselves.

[7] Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

[17] **But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

[18] Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

19 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;**
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Lesson — 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel — Mark 13:24-37

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

People **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

24 'But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. **27** Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. **29** So also, when you see these things taking

place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32] 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon **The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt**

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate BCP p.415

Bishop The Candidate will now be presented.

*Rector/Presenter*s I present George Silbernagel to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates I do, and with God's grace, I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate BCP p. 417

Bishop Let us now pray for this person who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence follows

Reader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Open their hearts to Your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Fill them with Your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Keep them in the faith and communion of Your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Send them into the world in witness to Your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Bring them to the fullness of Your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank You that by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of Your Holy Spirit You have bound us to Your service. Renew in these Your servants the covenant You made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service You set before them; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

For Reception

George, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.
People **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let Your fatherly hand ever be over these Your servants; let Your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word, that they may serve You in this life, and dwell with You in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

The people stand.

The Peace BCP p. 332

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 loose-plate offering today is given to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

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 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. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are invited to receive.

The Post-Communion Prayer **BCP p. 339**

The Blessing

Dismissal **BCP p. 340**

There are no flowers on the altar during Advent, as this liturgical season is marked by solemn preparation, penance, and a spirit of hopeful anticipation for Christ's coming.

Thank you to our servers today.

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt*
Rector: *The Rev. Brian McVey*
Acolyte, Lector, & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*
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