

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026, 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 "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 *Little Prelude in F* by J. S. Bach W. Wensell

The Word of God BCP p. 355

Please stand as able

Processional *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-4)* Hymnal #56

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be His holy kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

† *The children are invited to follow the cross to the Children's Chapel.* †

The Gloria *Gloria in excelsis* Hymnal S-278

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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Please sit

First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

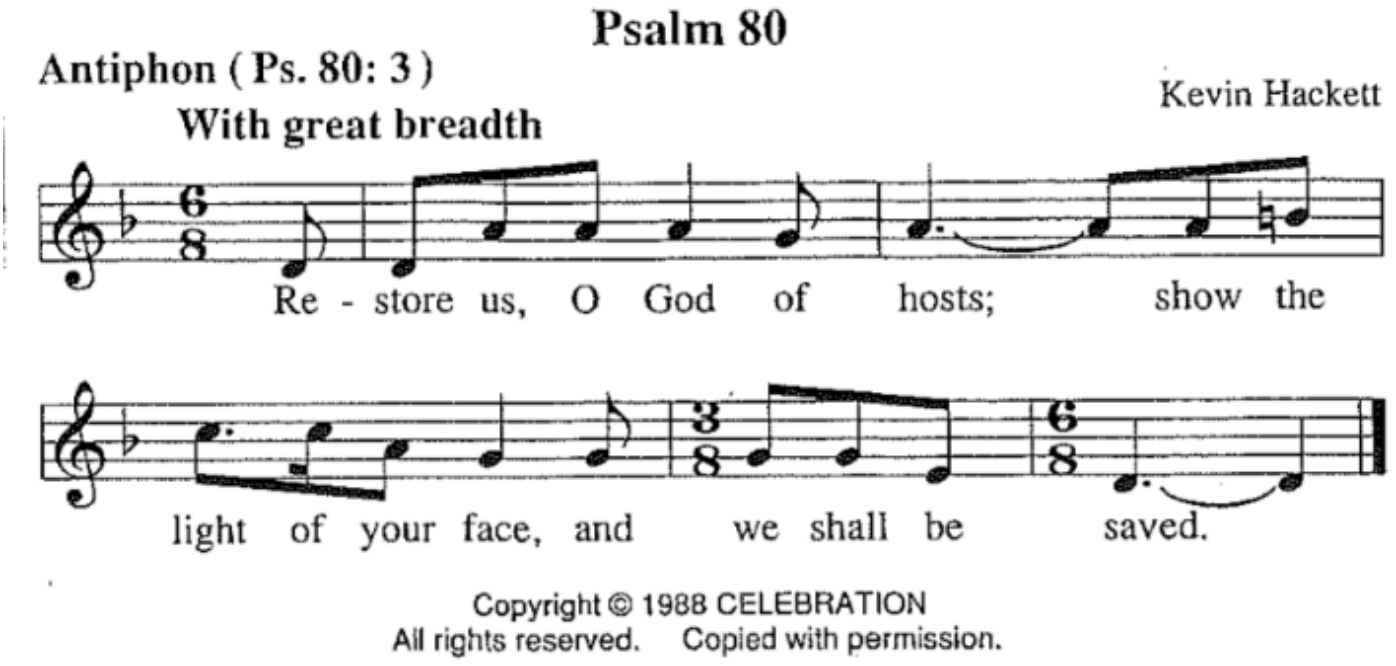
[1] O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3] When you did awesome 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.**

Please stand as able.

Hymn ***Once he came in blessing*** **Hymn #53**

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

[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 to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt

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

The Offertory *Prepare for Emmanuel* by Patrick Liebergen 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 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 welcome to receive communion.

Communion Music Organ meditation

The Post-Communion Prayer **BCP p. 365**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn ***Hail to the Lord's Anointed*** **Hymnal #616**

The Dismissal **BCP p. 366**

Postlude Postlude on the closing hymn Waldemar Wensell

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

Thank You to our Servers Today:

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt*
Rector: *The Rev. Brian McVey*
Verger: *Candida Bannister*
Crucifer: *Joshua McVey*
Torch Bearers: *Paige Freundlich & Sadie Freundlich*
Lector: *Pat Smith*
Chalice Bearers: *John Womack & Candida Bannister*
Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*
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