



**Holy Eucharist Rite I
Church of the Advent**

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025, 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 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.

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 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.

The Word of God

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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The Gloria

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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 2:1-5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
³ Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'
² **Our feet are standing**
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
³ Jerusalem—built as a city
 that is bound firmly together.
⁴ **To it the tribes go up,**
 the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵ For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**

‘May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.’

⁸ **For the sake of my relatives and friends**

I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’

⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Rome.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

³⁶ ‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

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The people kneel or stand.

The Prayers of the People

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The Confession and Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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The people stand.

The Peace

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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

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The people kneel or stand

The Lord's Prayer

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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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

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The Blessing

Dismissal

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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*

Deacon: *The Rev. Suzie Johnston*

Acolyte, Lector, & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

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