



**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
***With Confirmation & Reception***  
**Church of the Advent**

**The First Sunday of Advent**  
November 30, 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.

**The Word of God****Rite II BCP p. 413***Please stand as able***Processional    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*****Hymnal #56***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 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.**

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

*Please 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.

<sup>2</sup> In 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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

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*Today's Psalm is sung with the choir. Please see the insert.*

## Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

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

<sup>11</sup> 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; <sup>12</sup> the

The Word of the Lord.

*Please stand as able.*

**The Gospel** **Matthew 24:36-44**

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

## The Sermon

*Please stand as able.*

*Bishop:* The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Rector/Presenters:* I present this person for Confirmation.

*Rector/Presenters:* I present these persons 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  
*these persons 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 Candidates**

**BCP p. 417**

*Bishop:* Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Silence follows*

*Deacon:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Deacon:    Open their hearts to Your grace and truth.  
*People:*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Deacon:    Fill them with Your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People:*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Deacon:    Keep them in the faith and communion of Your holy Church.  
*People:*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Deacon:    Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People:*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Deacon:    Send them into the world in witness to Your love.  
*People:*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Deacon:    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.**

## **For Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Joshua with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life.

*People:*     **Amen.**

## **For Reception**

Robyn / Patrick / John , 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 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**

*Behold! He's coming* by W. Wensell

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** ***What a friend we have in Jesus***

**LEVAS #109**

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p. 365**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** ***Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*** **Hymnal #59**

**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 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

**Verger:** Candida Bannister

**Crucifer:** Abby Womack

**Torch Bearers:** Joshua McVey & Katie Womack

**Lector:** Abbey Williams

**Chalice Bearers:** John Womack

**Music Director:** Waldemar Wensell

**Children's Chapel:** Jane Simmons

**Vestry:** Flora Ukoli

**Presenters:** Karen McVey (Joshua); Mara Duffy (Robyn & Patrick); Lindy Womack, Katie Womack, Abby Womack (John)

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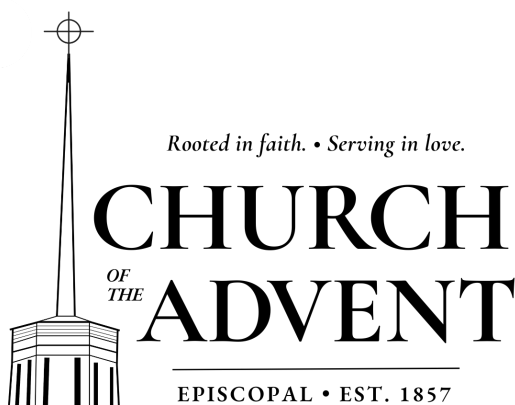
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| Jeri Platt (2027), <i>Junior Warden</i>   | Flora Ukoli (2027)               |
| Jennifer Honeycutt (2026), <i>Clerk</i>   | Hunter McCarty, <i>Treasurer</i> |
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