



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

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

December 7, 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.

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

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

**The Collect for Purity**

**BCP p. 323**

**The Kyrie**

**BCP p. 324**

**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.*

Merciful God, who sent Thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **First Lesson**

## **Isaiah 11:1-10**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

**11** A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

*Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- <sup>2</sup> **May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**
- <sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- <sup>6</sup> **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- <sup>18</sup> **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.**
- <sup>19</sup> Blessed be his glorious name for ever;  
may his glory fill the whole earth.
- Amen and Amen.

## **Second Lesson**

## **Romans 15:4-13**

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

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name’;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him’;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*     **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

**3** In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>  
‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the  
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.””

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his  
food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going  
out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the  
river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them,  
‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit  
worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our  
ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>  
Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear  
good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is  
coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy  
Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor  
and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable  
fire.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Brian McVey**

*The people stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 326**

*The people kneel or stand.*

**The Prayers of the People**

**BCP p. 328**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP p. 330**

## **The Comfortable Words**

**BCP p. 332**

*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 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 Rev. Brian McVey*

Deacon: *The Rev. Suzie Johnston*

Acolyte & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

Lector: *Rusty Bowden*

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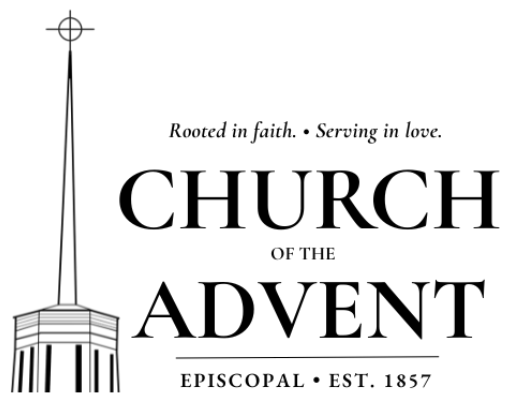
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