



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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 in the Parish Hall across the courtyard. 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.

Prelude

Prelude in C

by J. S. Bach

W. Wensell

The Word of God

Rite II BCP p. 355

Please stand as able

Processional

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal #65

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

People: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Kyrie

Hymnal #S-96

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

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

Merciful God, who sent Your 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 lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Please sit

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.

² 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.

³ 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;

⁴ 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.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ 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.

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

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

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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

Psalm 72 (Advent 2)

Antiphon ("Prepare the way", Charles Price)

Kevin Hackett

As a carol



Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!



Let ev - ry hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

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Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *please sing the antiphon as directed by the cantor.*

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁸ **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.**

¹⁹ 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 Romans.

⁴ 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. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ 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, ⁹ 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’;

¹⁰ and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

¹¹ and again,

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

¹² and again Isaiah says,

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

¹³ 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.**

Please stand as able.

Hymn *Comfort, comfort ye My people*

Hymn #67

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²
‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ³ 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.”’

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

⁷ 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?’ ⁸ Bear
fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ ‘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. ¹² 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 to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Suzie Johnston

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP p. 388

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 393

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 Offertory

People, Look East by Craig Phillips

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-130

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

Hymnal #S-152

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

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

LEVAS #108

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Herald, sound the note of judgment

Hymnal #70

The Dismissal

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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: The Rev. Brian McVey

Deacon & Preacher: The Rev. Suzie Johnston

Verger: Candida Bannister

Crucifer: Hannah McVey

Torch Bearers: Lilian Williams and Paige Freundlich

Psalmist: Joshua McVey

Lector: Abbey Williams

Chalice Bearers: Lindy Womack and Candida Bannister

Music Director: Waldemar Wensell

Children's Chapel: Anoosh Howser

Vestry: Valerie Stogdill

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