



Morning Prayer Rite I
Church of the Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday

December 14, 2025, 8 AM

Welcome to Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today.

Activity bags and coloring sheets for children are available in the narthex. Communion from the Reserved Sacrament is available after Morning Prayer at the altar rail.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in the racks.

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.

Join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall following the service.

Thank you to those who served this morning.

Officiant: *Nancy Allen*

Lectors: *Hilary Wagner*

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The ministry of Advent is funded through the congregation's generous contributions. 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 left.



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.

**Daily Morning Prayer:
Rite One**

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Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. *Mark 13:35-36*

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 41

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP p. 42

All stand

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Our King and Savior draweth nigh:

People: **O come, let us adore him.**

Venite *Psalms 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

BCP p. 44

Said in unison

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

**and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.**

The Psalm

BCP p. 803

Said in unison

Psalm 146:5-10

**⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,**

**⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;**

who keeps faith for ever;

**⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

**⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

**¹⁰ The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the Lord!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly,

and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, ^[a]
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 3

BCP p. 50

Said in unison

The Second Lesson

James 5:7-10

A Reading from the Letter to the church in James

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 4

BCP p. 50

Said in unison

The Third Lesson

Matthew 11:2-11

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for

another?’ ⁴ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.”

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 5

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Said in unison

The Apostles’ Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

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The people stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrage B

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V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. **Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. **And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. **As our trust is in thee.**
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. **Let me never be confounded.**

The Collect of the Day

Stir up Thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of Thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of Thee, that the days to come may be spent in Thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray Thee so to guide and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget Thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out Thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of Thy saving embrace: So clothe us in Thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know Thee to the knowledge and love of Thee; for the honor of Thy Name. **Amen.**

Congregants may offer their own intercessions either silently or aloud

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

People: Amen.

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament is available at the altar rail immediately following this service.

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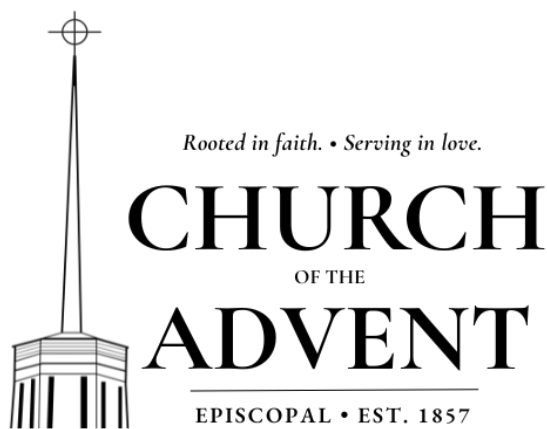
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