



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

The First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 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

Rite I BCP p. 323

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.

Please kneel or stand as able.

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of Thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,

according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, ‘Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely’;

and he became their savior

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel

but his presence that saved them;

in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

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

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

² **Praise him, all his angels;**

praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens,**

and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ **He established them for ever and ever;**

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,

you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ **Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² **Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

Praise the Lord!

Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:10-18

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹

For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

¹³ And again,

‘I will put my trust in him.’

And again,

‘Here am I and the children whom God has given me.’

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that

is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ ‘A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child

and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Brian McVey

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

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Please kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

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The Confession and Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Please stand as able.

The Peace

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Please 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

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Please kneel or stand as able.

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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The Flowers on the altar are given in thanksgiving to God for the birth of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you to our servers today.

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Deacon: *The Rev. Suzie Johnston*

Acolyte & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

Lector: *Nancy Allen*

Chalice: *Nancy Allen*

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