



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent
The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2025, 10 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.

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. 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP P. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Gloria

BCP P. 356

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Please kneel or stand as able

Almighty God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with You and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God. (52:7-10)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 98

Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
² **The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**
³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
⁴ **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**
⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who live in it.

⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹ at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-12

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,

'You are my Son;
today I have begotten you'?

Or again,

'I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son'?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

'Let all God's angels worship him.'

⁷ Of the angels he says,

'He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire.'

⁸ But of the Son he says,

'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,
and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.'

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'

¹⁰ And,

'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;

¹² like a cloak you will roll them up,

and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will never end.’

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 1:1-20

Please stand.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and
without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to
testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light,
but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was
coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did
not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept
him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become
children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will
of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory
as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Reverend Brian McVey

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form III **BCP P. 387**

Confession and Absolution **BCP P. 360**

Please kneel as able

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please stand.

The Peace **BCP P. 360**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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 B

BCP P. 367

Please stand as able

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. 378

Sanctus

BCP P. 367

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP P. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP P. 364

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 you who 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. At the rail for Communion, please fill the space from the right to the left. After receiving, please leave through the outer aisles to your pew.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP P. 365

Please stand or kneel as able.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain kneeling or standing.

Christmas Blessing

May God, who sent His angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel! And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal

BCP P. 365

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Poinsettias Given

By Nancy Allen:

In Thanksgiving for family.

By Candida Bannister:

In Thanksgiving for family and friends.

In Memory of Mary Clyde Sparks.

In Memory of Robert and Miwako Cleve.

By Gregg and Lynn Conroy:

In Thanksgiving for Daniel Conroy (for healing).

In Thanksgiving for Andy & Kim, Brandon & Rachel, Kylie & Keon.

In Thanksgiving for Gregg.

In Memory of D.J. Conroy and Polly Longhurst.

By Gregg, Daniel, Kim, Blake, Brandon, and Kylie Conroy

In Thanksgiving for Lynn Conroy.

By Tom and Leslie DiNella:

In Thanksgiving for Ava, Muriel, and Vincent.

In Memory of Rom and Gerry.

In Memory of Wyatt and Jeanne Glenn DiNella.

By Betty and Larry Douglass

In Thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Turner, Maggie, Carey IV, Connley,
and Catie.

In memory of Carey Cheij.

In memory of Ingrid Sevin.

By Dr. William Farrar

In Memory of Jane Henry Farrar

In Memory of Frances Cox Farrar

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Farrar, Sr.

By Curt Guenther

In Thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

By Mada Johnston:

In Memory of her parents, Jackson & Ada Patterson.

By Rev. Suzanne Johnston:

In Memory of Rev. & Mrs. Earl Johnston.

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Silbernagel, II.

In Memory of Dr. Michael George.

By the LaNeve Family:

In Memory of Jean and Charles Rahme.

In Memory for Kathryn V. Unitas.

By Hunter and Carol Lynn McCarty

In Thanksgiving for our Advent Family.

Rev. Brian and Karen McVey

In Thanksgiving for Sarah, Amanda, Nathan, Robbie, David, Hannah, and
Joshua.

In Memory of Rev. Kathie Phillips.

By Janice and Jerry Rice:

In Thanksgiving for our son, Russ.

By Jane Simmons:

In Thanksgiving for my family.

In Memory of my loved ones.

By Valerie and Brian Stogdill:

In Thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.

In Memory of our parents.

By Flora Ukoli:

In Thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren.

In Memory of her parents, Chief Paul M. Ukoli and Mrs. Elizabeth Ukoli.

Thank you to our servers today:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Brian McVey

Deacon: The Rev. Suzie Johnston

Verger: Candida Bannister

Acolyte & Chalice: Joshua McVey

Altar Guild: Edith Nau, Paula Taylor, and Carol Lynn McCarty

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