

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

The Feast of Charles Todd Quintard
February 16, 2026, 6:30 PM

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. 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.



Who was Charles Todd Quintard, and why do we give thanks for his life and ministry today?

The wider Episcopal Church remembers Charles Todd Quintard for his service as the second rector of our historic parish and as the second bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee. Quintard, a medical doctor, was identified, tutored, and ordained by Bishop Oney, the first Bishop of Tennessee, as a priest in Christ's Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. He is particularly remembered for the following:

- Implementing Church of the Advent budgets without pew taxes.
- Allowing enslaved people to attend worship before the start of the Civil War.
- Serving as chaplain and surgeon of the 1st Regiment of Nashville, despite the recognition that he and those whom he pastored were known as 'Yankee Sympathizers.'
- Tending to the physical and spiritual health of all soldiers.
- Serving by-election after the Civil War as the second bishop of Tennessee. Because of his reputation, Bishops from the North and the South attended, as reported on p. 3 of the NYT. The hope arose that the entire country might be reconciled, as in the Episcopal Church.
- Creating a safe space for black people, now free, to worship God in the Episcopal Church as tasked by the House of Bishops.
- Establishing the 1st seminary dedicated to the training and formation of freed slaves as pastors on the campus of Fisk University in Nashville.
- Rebuilding Sewanee.
- Establishing and building what are now considered historic Black Episcopal Churches in the South.
- Caring for the bodies and souls in Memphis during the outbreak of Yellow Fever in Memphis.
- Recruiting the Sisters of Humility to Memphis to nurse the orphans and others after the outbreak of Yellow Fever. This led to another feast on the church calendar: the martyrdom of Constance and her Companions in the 1870s.

The life and ministry of Quintard is part of our spiritual and historical heritage, both in the wider Church and more specifically at the Church of the Advent. More importantly, they remind us of the saving works that God can do through obedient believers, no matter the state of the times. His story reminds us that an individual's obedient faith can profoundly impact those around them, or, as our preface reminds us, the saintly lights, like Quintard, serve as the beacons in the darkness of their generations.

The Word of God

Rite II BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Kyrie

BCP p. 356

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.

Mighty God, we bless Your Name for the example of Your bishop Charles Todd Quintard, who opposed the segregation of African Americans in separate congregations and condemned the exclusion of the poor; and we pray that Your Church may be a refuge for all, for the honor of Your Name; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

Sirach 34:14-19

A Reading from the Book of the wisdom of Sirach:

¹⁴ The spirit of those who fear the Lord will live,

¹⁵ for their hope is in him who saves them.

¹⁶ Those who fear the Lord will not be timid,
or play the coward, for he is their hope.

¹⁷ Happy is the soul that fears the Lord!

¹⁸ To whom does he look? And who is his support?

¹⁹ The eyes of the Lord are on those who love him,
a mighty shield and strong support,
a shelter from scorching wind and a shade from noonday sun,
a guard against stumbling and a help against falling.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

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

Psalm 94:2-15

² Rise up, O judge of the earth;
 give to the proud what they deserve!

³ **O Lord, how long shall the wicked,
 how long shall the wicked exult?**

⁴ They pour out their arrogant words;
 all the evildoers boast.

⁵ **They crush your people, O Lord,
 and afflict your heritage.**

⁶ They kill the widow and the stranger,
 they murder the orphan,

⁷ **and they say, ‘The Lord does not see;
 the God of Jacob does not perceive.’**

⁸ Understand, O dullest of the people;
 fools, when will you be wise?

**⁹ He who planted the ear, does he not hear?
 He who formed the eye, does he not see?**

¹⁰ He who disciplines the nations,
he who teaches knowledge to humankind,
 does he not chastise?

**¹¹ The Lord knows our thoughts,
 that they are but an empty breath.**

¹² Happy are those whom you discipline, O Lord,
 and whom you teach out of your law,

**¹³ giving them respite from days of trouble,
 until a pit is dug for the wicked.**

¹⁴ For the Lord will not forsake his people;
 he will not abandon his heritage;

**¹⁵ for justice will return to the righteous,
 and all the upright in heart will follow it.**

Second Lesson

Romans 14:10-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Rome

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

¹³ Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Gospel

Luke 14:15-24

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

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

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, ‘Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!’ ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, “Come; for everything is ready now.” ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, “I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies.” ¹⁹ Another said, “I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies.” ²⁰ Another said, “I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.” ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, “Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the

crippled, the blind, and the lame.” ²² And the slave said, “Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.” ²³ Then the master said to the slave, “Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Brian McVey

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form I

BCP p. 383

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 393

Please stand as able.

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Please sit.

The Welcome and Announcements

Giving financially is a part of our weekly worship. You can leave a gift in the offering plate or online using the QR code to the right.



The Holy Communion

Please stand as able.

The Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord.
People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

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. 379

Sanctus

BCP p. 367

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Lord's Prayer

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, have been here often and have not been for a long time, have tried to follow, and 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.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

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The Flowers on the Altar are given in Thanksgiving to God!

Thank You to our Servers Today.

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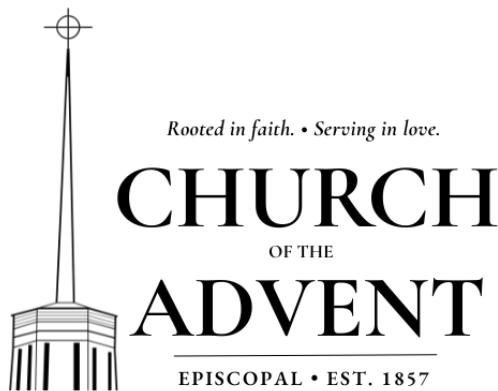
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