

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

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 10, 2026, 8 AM

*Welcome to Church of the 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.*

*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.*

## Holy Eucharist Rite 1

BCP p. 323

### The Word of God

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### Collect for Purity

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### The Gloria

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### The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

O God, who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee in all things and above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

## The Book of Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor<sup>[a]</sup> he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God<sup>[b]</sup> and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

<sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Psalm

**Psalm 66:8-20** *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard,

<sup>9</sup> **who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;**

<sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> **I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,**

<sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**<sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.

**<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

## **Second Lesson**

## **1 Peter 3:13-22**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of

Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as able.*

## **The Gospel**

**John 14:15-21**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

<sup>15</sup> ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit.*

## **Sermon**

**The Rev. Brian McVey**

*Please stand as able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 326**

*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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*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with Thy spirit.**

*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 Holy Communion**

## **Offertory Sentence**

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

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

**Eucharistic Prayer I** **BCP p. 333**

**The Lord's Prayer** **BCP p. 336**

**The Prayer of Humble Access** **BCP p. 337**

*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.*

*All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**Post Communion Prayer** **BCP p. 339**

*Please kneel as able.*

## **The Blessing**

*Please stand as able.*

*The altar flowers are given in thanksgiving and to the glory of God for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

***Thank you to our servers today.***

Lector: *Joshua McVey*

Chalice: *Larry Douglass*

Acolyte & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

Vestry: *Robyn Duffy*

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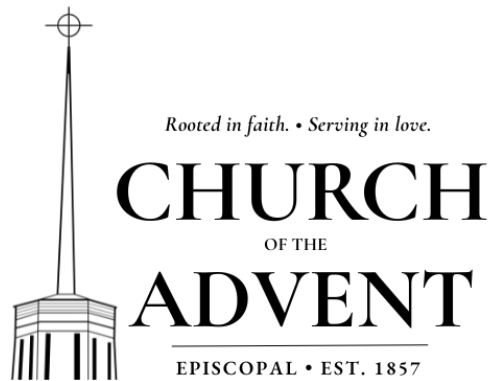
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