



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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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

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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 Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abideth with His Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

The Book of Acts 17:22-31

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

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

¹ Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

² **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.**

³ But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—
his name is the LORD—
be exultant before him.**

⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

⁶ **God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

⁷ O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;

**¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord,

**³³ O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.

**³⁵ Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-5:11

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief-maker. ¹⁶ Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this

name. ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And

‘If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?’

¹⁹ Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God’s will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

5 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

‘God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.’

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a

little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

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

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

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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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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.

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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.

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Please kneel as able.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Dismissal

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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: *Nancy Allen*

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