



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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026, 10:30 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.

Nursery is available for children up to age five in the Parish Hall across the courtyard. 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.

Prelude:

A Joyous Alleluia by A. Sherman

W. Wensell

Holy Baptism

BCP p. 299

Please stand as able.

Processional: *Alleluia! The Strife is o'er, the battle done* **Hymnal #208**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Gloria: **Gloria in excelsis**

Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 300

Please stand or kneel as able.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people; Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

The Book of Acts 2:42-47

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

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 23 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

A Reading from the first letter of Peter.

19 For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. 20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

22 'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Gospel Hymn: *Savior, like a shepherd lead us* Hymnal #708

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

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

1 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Please sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Brian McVey

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

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Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: I present *Kai Bella True* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Asked of the parents, Tia and Nathaniel True, and godparents, Brittany and Michael Little, on behalf of Kai Bella True.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

To the Congregation:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP p. 304

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

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Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill her with Your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of Your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to Your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of Your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of His Resurrection and look for Him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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The Celebrant blesses the water.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank You, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it Your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through His death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank You, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in His resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray You, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Baptism

Celebrant: *Kai Bella True*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You that by water and the Holy Spirit You have bestowed upon this Your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in Your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love You, and the gift of joy and wonder in all Your works.

People: **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking the sign of the cross on the forehead with Chrism oil.

Celebrant: *Kai Belle True, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.*

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in His eternal priesthood.

Please stand as able.

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Please sit.

The Welcome and Announcements

Make your offering in the plates being passed along the pews or online through the QR code to the right.



The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: *Somebody's knockin' at your door* arr. W. Wensell Advent Choir

Please stand as able.

Presentation: *Praise God, from whom* **Tune: Old Hundredth**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP p. 367**

Sanctus: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord** **Hymnal No. S-129**

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Lord's Prayer **BCP p. 364**

Fraction Anthem *Christ, our Passover* **Hymnal No. S-155**

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.

Communion Music: *There's Something about that Name* **LEVAS No. 107**

Please kneel as able.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Hymn: “Lord, make us servants of You peace”

Hymnal No. 593

The Dismissal

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Postlude:

Postlude on the closing hymn

W. Wensell

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:

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Acolytes: *Hannah McVey*, Katie Womack, Lillian Williams*

Verger: *Candida Bannister*

Lector: *Jean Prosis*

Chalice Bearers: *Tom DiNella and Candida Bannister*

Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*

Vestry: *Robin Duffy*

Children’s Chapel: *Jane Simmons*

Altar Guild: *Janice Rice, Debbie Atkinson and Pat Smith*

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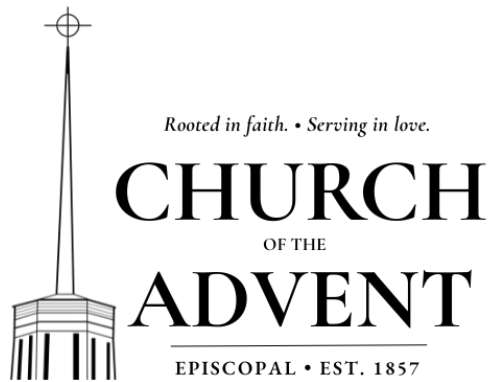
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