



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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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: *O Perfect Love* by Barnby

W. Wensell

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional: *All Creatures of our God and king (verses 1-3,7)* Hymnal #400

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as able.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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.

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ From one ancestor^[a] 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, ²⁷ so that they would search for God^[b] and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ 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.”

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ 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.*

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,

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

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;**

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

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

¹⁴ those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **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.**

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

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

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

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

²⁰ 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.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ 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; ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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, ²² 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.**

Gospel Hymn: *Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed*

Hymnal #323

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

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

¹⁵ ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ 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.’

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

The Rev. Brian McVey

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP p. 388

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

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: *The Gift of Love* by Hal Hopson 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 S-129

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem: *Christ, our Passover*

Hymnal 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: *In remembrance of Me*

LEVAS # 149

Please kneel as able.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Hymn: *Lord, dismissing us with Thy blessing*

Hymnal #690

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

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, Lillian Williams, Paige Freundlich*

Verger: *Candida Bannister*

Lector: *Candida Bannister*

Chalice Bearers: *Joshua McVey and Candida Bannister*

Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*

Vestry: *Robyn Duffy*

Children's Chapel: *No Chapel*

Altar Guild: *Anne Williams, Jeri Platt, Jane Simmons*

Ushers: *Jim Atkinson and Jerry Rice*

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