



**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
*With Healing Prayers*

**Church of the Advent**  
*The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
July 12, 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 "S" pages from the hymnal appear at the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black-and-red hymnal at both ends of the pews.*

*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 to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.*

Prelude:

*Prelude in Eb*

W. Wensell

## **The Word of God**

**BCP p. 355**

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional: *Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove* Hymnal #512**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be His holy kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Collect for Purity**

**BCP p. 355**

**The Gloria: *Gloria in excelsis***

**Hymnal S-280**

† *The children are invited to follow the cross to the Children's Chapel.* †

## **The Collect of the Day**

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **First Lesson**

## **Isaiah 5:10-13**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Reader:*           The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 65:1-13** *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you,  
O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

<sup>2</sup> **O you who answer prayer!**

**To you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
to live in your courts.**

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
your holy temple.

<sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.

<sup>6</sup> **By your strength you established the mountains;  
you are girded with might.**

<sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

<sup>10</sup> **You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

<sup>12</sup> **The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

<sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

## Second Lesson

## Romans 8:1-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

<sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead

dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Hymn:** *Lord, make us servants of Your peace* Hymnal #641

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!’

<sup>18</sup> ‘Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is

the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Brian McVey

## **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

## **The Litany of Healing**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: by the might of Your Spirit lift us, we pray, to Your presence, where we may be still and know that You are God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us name before God, either silently or aloud, those for whom we offer our prayers.

*Intercessor:* God the Father, Your will for all people is health and salvation.

*People:* **We thank You and praise You, O Lord.**

*Intercessor:* God the Son, You came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

*People:* **We thank You and praise You, O Lord.**

*Intercessor:* God the Holy Spirit, You make our bodies the temple of Your presence.

*People:* **We thank You and praise You, O Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Holy Trinity, one God, in You we live and move and have our being.

*People:* **We thank You and praise You, O Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or have disabilities especially, Jack Dreher, Betsy Gregory, Al Gross, Cornelia Hollister, John Johnson, Liz McComas, Jim Rosolino, Jean Anne Tarleton, Mada Johnston, Candida Bannister, Anne Aycock, Pennie & Mike Reese, Peggy, Cathy Garrell, Lynn Conroy, Patty, Mary & Donald Burkinshaw, Janet and the Hines family, Phocian Sampson, Stacey & Brently Alexander, Brenda, Hi Penn, Nancy and Robert Wells, Nathan, Lindy Womack, Evelyn Duffy, Jerome Bannister, Hilda Hunter, John McCarty, Kristen Kindoll & family, that they may be made whole.

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

*Intercessor:* Grant to all who seek Your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of Your will and an awareness of Your presence;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

*Intercessor:* Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

*Intercessor:* Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

*Intercessor:* Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of Your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

*Intercessor:* Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

*Intercessor:* You are the Lord who does wonders;

*People:* **You have declared Your power among the peoples.**

*Intercessor:* With You, O Lord, is the well of life;

*People:* **And in Your light we see light.**

*Intercessor:* Hear us, O Lord of life;

*People:* **Heal us and make us whole.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. Almighty God, giver of life and health: send Your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the Risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **Confession & Laying on of Hands**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

*Silence.*

*People:* **Most merciful God, we confess we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You have redeemed us;

*People:* **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord.**

*Celebrant:* The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Those wishing to receive the healing sacrament of anointing with oil and the laying on of hands may come to the altar rail at this time.*

*Please stand as able.*

**The Peace**

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*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:            Organ meditation

*Please kneel as able.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**The Blessing**

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn:**        *Spread. O spread, Thou might word*

**Hymnal #530**

**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:** *Joshua McVey, Lillian Williams, Katie Womack*

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