



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 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 E minor

W. Wensell

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional: *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Hymnal #423

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

BCP p. 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as able.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, You know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of Your Son 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 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us[b] what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name for ever.**

¹³ For great is your steadfast love towards me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

**¹⁴ O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving-maid.**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in

hope²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Lord, make us servants of Your peace* Hymnal #593

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

²⁴ He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?”²⁸ He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?”²⁹ But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ ³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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 on the right.*



The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: Organ Voluntary

Please stand as able.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

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: Organ meditation

Please kneel as able.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Hymn: *O what their joy and their glory must be*

Hymnal #623

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: *Joshua McVey, Lillian Williams, Katie Womack*

Lector: *Flora Ukoli*

Chalice Bearers: *Lindy Womack*

Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*

Vestry: *Flora Ukoli*

Children's Chapel: *Anoosh Howser*

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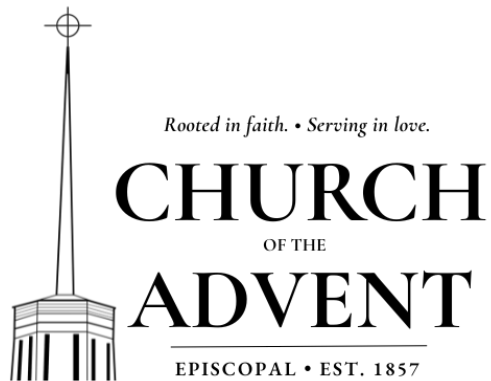
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