



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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: *Greater Love Hath No Man* John Ireland

The Word of God **BCP p. 355**

Please stand as able.

Processional: *I come with joy to meet my Lord* **Hymnal #304**

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that Your Church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; 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

Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

¹ Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 138 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² **I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness;**

**for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ **The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed

by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Rise up, ye saints of God!* **Hymnal #551**

The Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**

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

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

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not

revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah

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 VI

BCP p. 392

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 God of every nation

Hymnal #607

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude:

Postlude on the closing hymn

W. Wensell

The altar flowers are given by Anoosh Howser in thanksgiving for Collin and Meredith Howser.

Thank You to our Servers Today:

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Acolytes: *Joshua McVey, Paige Freundlich, Sadie Freundlich*

Lector: *David McVey*

Chalice Bearers: *John Womack, Candida Bannister*

Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*

Vestry: *Rosemary Kelley*

Children's Chapel: *Anoosh Howser*

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

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