



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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:

Cherubin Song

D. Bortniansky

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional: *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* **Hymnal #339**

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-278

† *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.

O God, You declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, running to obtain Your promises, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ **Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

⁸ **Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any

sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Rock of ages, cleft for me* **Hymnal #685**

The Gospel **Matthew 21:23-32**

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

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

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ ²⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” ²⁶ But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” ²⁹ He answered, “I will not”; but later he

changed his mind and went.³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go.³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.’³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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 II

BCP p. 385

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: *Grace* by Mark Hayes Advent Choir

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-125**

Please kneel or stand as able.

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

Fraction Anthem: *Christ, our Passover* **Hymnal S-152**

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: *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

Hymnal #574

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude: *Postlude on the closing hymn*

W. Wensell

The altar flowers are given today in thanksgiving for the Resurrection.

Thank You to our Servers Today:

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Acolytes: *Hannah McVey, Katie Womack*, Paige Freundlich*

Lector: *Flora Ukoli*

Chalice Bearers: *Tom DiNella, Candida Bannister*

Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*

Vestry: *Janet Brown*

Children's Chapel: *Martha Bowden*

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

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