



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

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 4, 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:

*Andante Religioso*

Felix Mendelssohn

## **The Word of God**

**BCP p. 355**

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional:**     *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

**Hymnal #495**

*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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:*        **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **First Lesson**

## **Isaiah 5:1-7**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved

my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people of Judah,

judge between me

and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard

that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 80:7-15** *Please read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the Lector.*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>8</sup> **You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup> **The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches;**

<sup>11</sup> it sent out its branches to the sea,  
and its shoots to the River.

<sup>12</sup> **Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

<sup>13</sup> The boar from the forest ravages it,  
and all that move in the field feed on it.

<sup>14</sup> **Turn again, O God of hosts;  
look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,**

<sup>15</sup> the stock that your right hand planted.

## **Second Lesson**

## **Philippians 3:4b-14**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

<sup>4</sup> even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of

the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Hymn:** *Lord, be thy word my rule* **Hymnal #626**

**The Gospel** **Matthew 21:33-46**

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

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

<sup>33</sup> ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had

come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup> They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*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: *Holy Ground* by Ken Medema

Advent Choir

*Please stand as able.*

**Presentation:** *Praise God, from whom*

**Tune:** Old Hundredth

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy, Lord*

**BCP p. 361**  
**Hymnal S-125**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**

**Fraction Anthem:**     *Christ, our Passover*

**Hymnal S-152**

*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:**     *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*

**Hymnal #598**

**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:** *Katie Womack, Paige Freundlich, Sadie Freundlich*

**Lector:** *David McVey*

**Chalice Bearers:** *Rosemary Kelley, Candida Bannister*

**Music Director:** *Waldemar Wensell*

**Vestry:** *Janet Brown*

**Children's Chapel:** *Hannah McVey*

**Altar Guild:** *Lynn Conroy, Hannah McVey, Nancy Allen, Valerie Stogdill*

**Ushers:** *Jim Atkinson, Greg Platt*

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