



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

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

May 3, 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 hymnal "S" pages appear in the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black and red hymnal at both the pews' ends.*

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

Prelude: *Little Prelude in E minor* by J. S. Bach W. Wensell

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

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional** *Jesus lives! thy terrors now* Hymnal #195

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Collect for Purity** BCP p. 355

**The Gloria:** *Gloria in excelsis* Hymnal S-280

**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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

## The Book of Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>55</sup> But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Psalm

**Psalm 31:1-16** *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.**

**Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.**

<sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,

<sup>4</sup> **take me out of the net that is hidden for me,**

**for you are my refuge.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**<sup>6</sup> You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
but I trust in the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have taken heed of my adversities,

**<sup>8</sup> and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.**

<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.

**<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,  
and my bones waste away.**

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror to my neighbours,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**<sup>12</sup> I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**

<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror all around!—

as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

**<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD;**

**I say, ‘You are my God.’**

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;**

**save me in your steadfast love.**

## **Second Lesson**

## **1 Peter 2:2-10**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

<sup>7</sup> To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner’,

<sup>8</sup> and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Hymn:** *Come, my Way, my Trust, my Life*

**Hymnal #487**

**The Gospel**

**John 14:1-14**

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

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

**14** ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one

comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

*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 to the right.*



## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: *Ride On, King Jesus* arr. W. Wensell Advent Choir

*Please stand as able.*

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

### The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer C**

**BCP p. 369**

**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:** *I want Jesus to walk with me* LEVAS # 70

*Please kneel as able.*

**Post Communion Prayer** BCP p. 365

**The Blessing**

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn:** *Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah* Hymnal #690

**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\**

**Verger:** *Candida Bannister*

**Lector:** *Pat Smith*

**Chalice Bearers:** *John Womack and Candida Bannister*

**Music Director:** *Waldemar Wensell*

**Vestry:** *Rosemary Kelley*

**Children's Chapel:** *Anoosh Howser*

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