



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 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: *Lord of All. Most Holy*

Hal Hopson

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

Please stand as able.

Processional: *O Worship the King, all glorious above* **Hymnal #388**

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us Your mercy; that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶ And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

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.*

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ **The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom towards those who love your name.**

¹³³ Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.**

Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also

predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *If thou but trust in God to guide the* **Hymnal #635**

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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: *Thy Kingdom come!*

Hymnal #615

The Dismissal

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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, Abby Womack**

Lector: *Jeen Prosis*

Chalice Bearers: *Tom DiNella, Candida Bannister*

Music Director: *Waldemar Wensell*

Vestry: *Candida Bannister*

Children's Chapel: *Martha Bowden*

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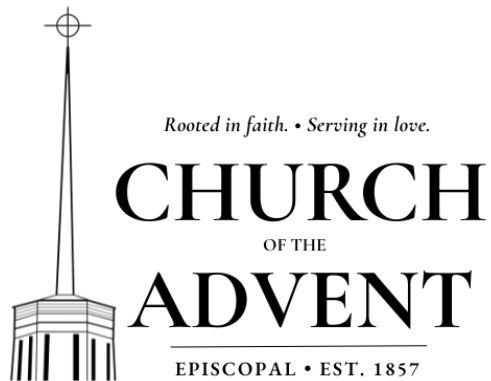
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