



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

*The Second Sunday of Easter*  
April 12, 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

*Prelude in C* by J. S. Bach

W. Wensell

## **The Word of God**

**BCP p. 355**

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional** *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

**Hymnal #205**

*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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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**

## **The Book of Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

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

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

22 ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— 23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25

For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

28 You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

29 ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 16** *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**2 I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord;**

**I have no good apart from you.’**

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.

**4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.**

5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8 I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

**10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

11 You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

A Reading from the first letter of Peter.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**    *Love's redeeming work is done*

**Hymnal #188**

**The Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

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

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

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'  
22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'  
24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'  
26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'  
30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*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 to the right.*



## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

Offertory Anthem: *The Marvelous Work* Abbey F. Williams & Advent Choir  
by F. J. Haydn

*Please stand as able.*

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

**Tune: Old Hundredth**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP p. 367**

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

**Hymnal No. S-129**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**

**Fraction Anthem***Christ, our Passover***Hymnal No. 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***My Jesus, I love thee***LEVAS No. 89**

*Please kneel as able.*

**Post Communion Prayer****BCP p. 365****The Blessing**

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn “We walk by faith, and not by sight”****Hymnal No. 209****The Dismissal****BCP p. 366****Postlude:**

Postlude on the closing hymn

W. Wensell

The lilies around the Altar are given in thanks to God for the Resurrection by:

**Candida Bannister****Curt Guenther****Platt Family****John Bracewell****LaNeve Family****Rice Family****Janet Brown****McCarty Family****Stogdill Family****DiNella Family****McVey Family**

*Please take the lilies after the service!*

***Thank You to our Servers Today:***

**Celebrant & Preacher:** *The Rev. Brian McVey*

**Acolytes:** *Hannah McVey, Lillian Williams, and Katie Womack\**

**Thurifer:** *Katie Womack*

**Vergers:** *Candida Bannister*

**Lector:** *Abbey Williams*

**Chalice Bearers:** *Joshua McVey and Candida Bannister*

**Music Director:** *Waldemar Wensell*

**Vestry:** *Nancy Allen*

**Children's Chapel:** *Martha Bowden*

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