The Holy Eucharist Rite II
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

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(Prelude and announcements)
Hymn: #660 - "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen**.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever .**Amen**.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet, Isaiah

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #652 - "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon - The Rev. Stuart Hoke

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Creator of the stars in the sky, and the sun and the moon, you are the light by which we wake and work. Illuminate our darkness and keep us alert.

(1) Surround your church, her leaders and people with your armor of light. We pray especially for our presiding bishop, our bishop, and our priests. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope. Open their hearts to your will.
(Silence)

Illuminate our darkness and keep us alert.

(2) We pray for our leaders, especially our president, our governor and the Congress and courts of this land. Savior of the Nations, guide those who govern and awaken those they lead, that we may all live in the spirit of cooperation, and share so that all have enough food, care and peace.
(Silence)

Illuminate our darkness and keep us alert.

(3) We pray for people across the world whose spirits bend under the yoke of oppression and struggle. Give the people of this community a sense of togetherness and support. Open our eyes to those who fall by the wayside and whose faces and needs remain invisible.
(Silence)

Illuminate our darkness and keep us alert.

(4) Lover of our souls, you continue to mold us in your image and hold us in your hands. We ask your blessing on those who struggle with illness, anxiety, grief or isolation.
(Silence)

Illuminate our darkness and keep us alert.

(5) Father of all, we pray for those who have recently returned to your embrace and those who are broken with grief.
(Silence)

Illuminate our darkness and keep us alert. Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Holy Eucharist **Prayer B** **BCP 367**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we now pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those

who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Bread is broken.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(Prayer after Communion)
Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen

(A prayer for Spiritual Communion)
Lord Jesus,
I believe that you are truly present
in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart
that I may welcome your presence with joy.
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.
Let me never be separated from you. **Amen.**

The Blessing:

Closing Hymn: #550 - "Jesus Calls Us"

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude



We welcome everyone to Church of the Epiphany today, especially our new guests. Please let us know if you'd like more information about the church. You are invited to join us for Holy Communion*. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Your gifts and tithes support our ministries in the community.

Worship Resources:

- BCP –"Book of Common Prayer"-Red or black book w/cross
- Hymnal –"The Hymnal 1982" – Red or Blue book
- WLP –"Wonder Love and Praise" - Green book
- LEVAS –"Lift Every Voice and Sing" - Red and black book

*If you do not wish to drink from the chalice at communion, cross your arms in front of your chest, or return to your seat after you receive the bread. We no longer practice dipping the bread into the cup.

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Announcements

We welcome you to join us this morning after church for Coffee Hour. Our hosts for Coffee Hour today are Mary and Jimmy Ivie. This is the first Sunday in Advent, so as is our tradition, during Coffee Hour here at Epiphany , we will have Advent wreath supplies available to take and assemble at home.

Birthdays
November 30 Mary Ivie
December5: Cameran Nash

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In appreciation of Ronda G. Proffit and her dedicated years of service to the Church of the Epiphany, an honorary gift is lovingly donated to the organ fund.

Current Prayer List

All victims of war, violence of every kind, and natural disasters. Healing for our country. For our military, and all who put themselves in harm's way to protect us.

Chris, Lisa, Jarrette Dineen (being deployed), Fred Norton, The family of Babby Dineen, Lyn Seymour, Gene Austin, Lori, Danny Williams, Dawn, Darlene Harper, Jack and John, Sandi J., Skip J., Crystal Scott, Jim Pyron, Lois Clark, Frank Ferguson, Dorothy Gunn

The Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, December 13 following the service, join us for the hanging of the greens as we decorate our church for Christmas. Bring your helping hands. There will be pizza for all who volunteer to help.

Poinsettias and Greenery

If you'd like to pay for a Poinsettia or wreath in honor of or in memory of someone, you may do so through, Tuesday, December 22. Poinsettias are $25 each and Wreaths are $35.00 each. The order forms are in the Narthex of the church. You can also email Carol the information for the bulletin and mail your payment to the church. Please complete the information and word the dedication exactly as you'd like it to appear in the bulletin.