

*Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.*

Ev'ry soul we long to reach,
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev'ry where we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say,
Ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *(Chorus)*

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The Celebrant says Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all)* **BCP 365**

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.

THE BLESSING

**RECESSIONAL Hymn #344 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your
Blessing**

THE DISMISSAL **BCP 366**

POSTLUDE

ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3760 Dover Center Road
Westlake, OH 44145
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August 31, 2025

10:00 a.m.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist – Rite II – The Word of God

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL Hymn BOB #18 Be Exalted, O God

OPENING SALUTATION & RESPONSE BCP 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says:

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.

All standing, sing

THE GLORIA BCP 356

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

* All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms; the priest will be happy to pray a prayer of blessings. Administration of Communion:*

- Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.

- The consecrated bread is offered with the words,

"The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." (Amen).

- The intinction cup is offered with the words,

"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," (Amen).

* You may dip your bread in the intinction cup * Interspersory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary

COMMUNION HYMNS BOB #77 Grace Alone

Ev'ry promise we can make,
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev'ry difference we will make is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb,
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith.

The Memorial Acclamation (Sing)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again (2Xs)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever.

The Great Amen (sing) ***Amen. Amen. Amen. (2Xs)***

*Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,*

People and Celebrant

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Celebrant says to the people

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 233

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The people sit

READING

Ecclesiasticus 10:7-18

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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BCP 755

- ¹ Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord*
and have great delight in his commandments!
- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;*
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,*
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- ⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright;*
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending*
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For they will never be shaken;*
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;*
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

- ⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink,*
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor,*
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- ¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;*
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Psalm Response (sing)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.*

READING Hebrews 13:1-8 Pew Bible 1265

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION Come and Behold Him

Come and behold Him;
Come, see His glory.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.
We will discover
All of His beauty.
His light will burn away all the darkness we've known.
*Come and behold Him,
Come and behold Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.
Come and behold Him;
Wait now before Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14 Pew Bible 1092

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**
Come and behold Him;

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine
image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing
this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

The Sanctus (sing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (2xs)
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (2xs)

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for
yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to
evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and
eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

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.**

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS

DOXOLOGY

Come, see His mercy.

Come find His tenderness reaching to you.

Just as a mirror shows a reflection,

His word and Spirit come, now reflecting His love.

Come and behold Him,

Come and behold Him.

Come with an honest heart to see all He is.

Come and behold Him;

Wait now before Him.

Come with an honest heart to see all He is.

SERMON

Pastor Paul Laursen

NICENE CREED (all standing)

BCP 358

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 389, Form 5

Leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Presiding Bishop Rowe; our own Bishop Jolly; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this congregation (for those who are present, and for those who are absent), that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Our Father in heaven,

We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.

Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:

For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit.

We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.

Amen.

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We search for the means to stay on this path together. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You