



St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025 + 8:00 am
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

The Procession into the Church

Hymn 490

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Trisagion

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

BCP 685

The Second Lesson:

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah

says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel:

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Homily

Rev. Mark Lafler

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

The Peace

BCP 332

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Doxology

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer 2

BCP 340

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Communion

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Healing Prayers

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

The Procession into the World (vv. 1-3)

Hymn 56

Dismissal

BCP 340



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December 7, 2025 + 10:00 am
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 2

The Procession

Goodness of God
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BCP 356

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The Sequence

Breathe

Holy Gospel:

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The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People Form 4

BCP 388

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

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Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Old Church Choir

The Doxology

I Bring an Offering

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

Awaken the Dawn

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Communion Hymn

The River

Healing Prayers

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

The Blessing

The Procession

Everlasting God

Dismissal

BCP 366

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December 7, 2025

WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

What is the Advent Wreath?

A circle of greenery, marked by four candles that represent the four Sundays of the season of Advent. An additional candle is lit as each new wreaths are used both in churches and candles may be blue, purple, or Some Advent wreaths include a white Candle," which is lit on Christmas



Sunday is celebrated in Advent. Advent in homes for devotional purposes. The lavender, depending on local custom. candle in the center known as the "Christ Eve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPEN PLATE OFFERING
Rector's Discretionary Fund.

collected today will be given to the

THE FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN will meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 10th. All are welcome to come and help us spruce up the gardens for Christmas.

TAIZÉ SERVICE, a contemplative prayer service, will be held on Wednesday evening, December 10th at 6:30 pm .

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will meet on Saturday, December 13th at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	Name Tag Sunday EYC-12:00 pm AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm	
Tuesday	Reading with the Rector-11:30 am	
Wednesday	Friends of the Garden-9:00 am Women's Caring & Sharing-10:00 am Preschool Chapel -11:00 am Taizé-6:30 pm	Wednesday Eucharist-12:15 pm
Thursday	Choir-5:00 pm	
Friday	Lake Cares Pantry Day-9:00 am	
Saturday	Men's Prayer Breakfast-8:30 am	

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve 12/24

6:30 pm Eucharist (Rite II)

9:00 pm Christmas Carols

9:30 pm Eucharist (Rite II) (With Incense)

Christmas Day 12/25

9:00 am Christ Mass (Rite I)

ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Karyl Loux	12/09	Karen Maxwell	12/10
Mike Martin	12/11	Elizabeth Reeves	12/13

ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING

Joe and Ann Brown 12/08/1961

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Ruth Green	12/07	Nina McConnell	12/08
Bill Kelsey	12/08	Carolyn Sadler	12/10
Joe Taylor	12/11		

PRAYERS

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Cassie S.	M.J. Smith	Libby S.	Carole M.
Janet M.	Lorraine M.	Richard S.	Greg S.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon	Mary Hyland	Laura Cain
Trevor Orr	Steve Husted	Emma Hogan
Andrew Seley	Zack Ryan	

CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Auburndale
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Bartow
For our parish members Tom and Jane Brust

SERVING TODAY

	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
First Reading	Tré Conrader	Harry Hackney
Second Reading	Gaines Campbell	Gloria Vest
LEM 1	Tré Conrader	Gloria Vest
LEM 2	Gaines Campbell	Betty Hensinger
Ushers	Patti Conrader	Tom Brust
	Pam Bow	Jane Brust
Deacon	Deacon Mickey	Deacon Dan
Altar Guild	Patti Conrader	MJ Smith
Screens	Walter Burkhalter	Madeline Lafler
Video	Amanda Burkhalter	
Postulant	Dennis Hartenstein	
Music	Judy Colella	Shekinah Praise

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

VESTRY

Sandy Minkoff, Sr. Warden	Leah Felcher	Steve Wilbanks
Tom Brust, Jr. Warden	Cheryl Hogan	TJ Reeves
Gaines Campbell	Fred Fitte	Janet Martin

OFFICERS

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer
Jackie Castiglione, Clerk

PARISH STAFF

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch
Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter
Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King
Preschool Director: Heather Fortson
Organist & Choir Director: Libby Sellers
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell
Nursery Director: Cathy Love
Steward: Walter Burkhalter