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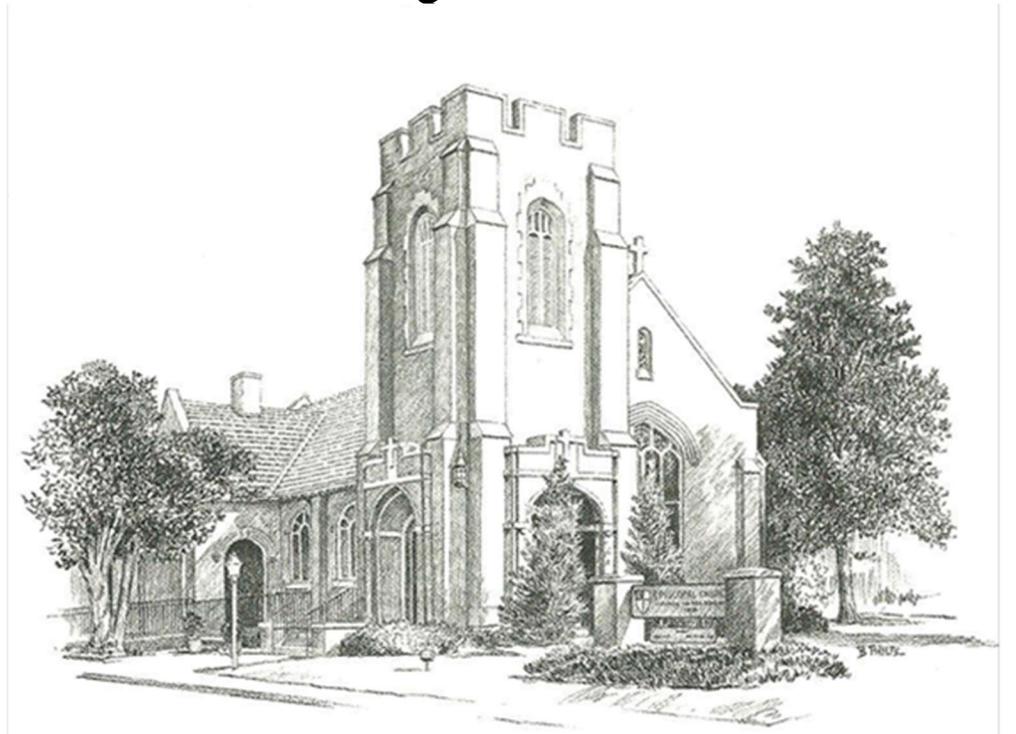
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# Church of the Advent



***Established 1850***

*The Church of the Advent is a nurturing, vibrant, and inclusive community inviting spiritual growth through liturgical worship, outreach, and fellowship.*

## *The Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist: Rite II*

*March 19, 2023*

*11:00 A.M.*

The time prior to the start of the service is set aside for prayerful waiting and reflection.  
Please be respectful in observing silence at this time. **Please silence all electronic devices.**  
S denotes Service Music found at the beginning of the hymnal.  
BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.

**PROCESSION HYMN** (please stand) *Blessed Jesus, at thy word* Hymnal 440

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. BCP 355

*People* ***His mercy endures forever.***

*Celebrant* 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.***

### KYRIE ELEISON

### Lord, Have Mercy

*The Sewanee Service, Rite II*  
Malcolm Archer

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer cy, Lord, have mer cy, Lord, have mer cy, Christ, have mer cy, Christ, have mer cy, Lord, have mer cy, Lord, have mer cy, Lord, have mer cy.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### FIRST LESSON (please be seated) *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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



We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON** *(please be seated)*

**NICENE CREED** *(please stand)*

BCP 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Form IV*

BCP 388

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION** *(the people may kneel)*

BCP 360

**THE PEACE** *(please stand)*

BCP 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(please be seated)*

**OFFERTORY**

PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS *(please stand)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(please be seated)* *The King of love my shepherd is*

RESPONSE *(please stand)*

*All things are thine*

1940 Hymnal

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(the people may stand or kneel)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

*The Sewanee Service, Rite II*  
 Malcolm Archer

Ho ly, Ho ly, Ho ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 hea ven and earth are full of your glo ry, Ho san na in the high est.  
 Bles sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the  
 Lord. Ho san na in the high est, ho san na in the high est.

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Archer Agnus Dei*  
**Lamb of God**

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 Malcolm Archer

Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world; have  
 mer cy up on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a way the sins of the world; have mer cy up on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the  
 world; grant us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *Deck thyself my soul with gladness*

Hymnal 339

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING *(the people may stand or kneel)*

BCP 365

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand)* *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

Hymnal 493

**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

***Calendar***

Sunday March 26 9:30 am, Choir Practice  
11:00 am, Morning Prayer

Sunday April 2 9:30 am, Choir Practice  
11:00 am, Holy Eucharist/Palm Sunday  
12:00 noon, Vestry Meeting

***Announcements***

✚ Here are the readers for the Passion Gospel for Palm Sunday. Narrator: Rev. Connelly, Judas: Chuck Cohen, Disciples: Choir, Jesus: John Price, Peter: Brandon Woody, Accuser: Ginny Webb, High Priest and Chief Priest: Michael Biondi, Servant Girl: Lucia Peel, Bystander: Lori Taylor, Pilate: Bob Greene, Pilate’s Wife: Janice Greene, Soldiers All Men, Centurion: Jim Allen and Assembly: Congregation

✚ There will be a vestry meeting following the Palm Sunday service.

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