



The Feast of All Saints
11:00 a.m., Sunday, Nov 1, 2026
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square, PA

Welcome to the Church of the Advent! If you are a guest with us this morning, please know we are honored by your presence! We invite you to complete a guest card, which will allow us to remain in contact with you and provide you with additional information. You may place your completed card in the offering plate, or you may give it to our priest as you are leaving. On our website (www.adventks.org), you will find an up-to-date calendar of all church ministries and activities, and you may sign up to receive our weekly email. If you are interested in learning more about the Church of the Advent, the Episcopal Church, or the Christian faith, please contact our priests at (610) 444-4624 or rector@adventks.org (Rev. Tim) or emma@adventks.org (Rev. Emma). **Again, welcome!**

Our Parish Vision:

To build and nurture a community where all people may encounter God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ and learn to live as his followers in the world.

Our Parish Mission:

We seek to grow as disciples of Christ –
in community, prayer, learning, and service.

Our Parish Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory
and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Elementary Sunday School for students age 4 to 11 continues today at 9:45 am.

Jr/Sr High Sunday School meets today at 9:45 am, in the St. Jude Room (Youth Room).

Adult Formation – Our six-week series on the Holy Spirit continues in the St. Nicholas Room at 9:45 am.

Readings for Next Week (November 8) – Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Midweek Eucharist – 8 am, each Wednesday, in the Chapel.

(Our liturgy is taken from the Book of Common Prayer)

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Advent Bell Choir

Lloyd Larson

OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints
#287, v. 1-2, 5-8, in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the sequence hymn and the reading of the Gospel.)

SEQUENCE HYMN *Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing*
#526, v. 1 & 4, in in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing*
*#526, v. 5, in in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)*

HOMILY

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Our liturgy for Baptism begins on p. 301 of the Book of Common Prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Lloyd Larson
Advent Bell Choir



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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *(Please stand as you are able.)*

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. *(vs. 3 of hymn #380)*

Celebrant 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 you...

...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sing 3 times in English.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you. My
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ra. Mi

heart is glad to say the words: you are Ho - ly, Lord!
co - ra - zon te sa - be de-cir: san - to e - res Señ - or.

(Please remain standing, kneel, or sit for the remainder of the prayer.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love, you made us for yourself...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

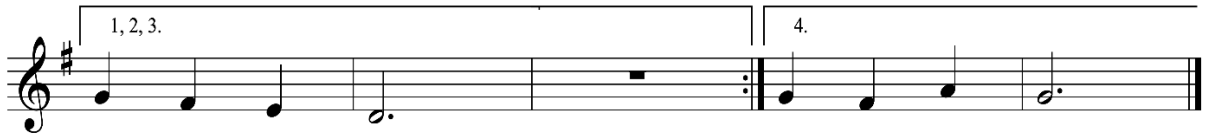
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.
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.**



Lamb of God,
Prince of Peace,
Bread of Life,
Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on



us, Lamb of God.
Prince of Peace.
Bread of Life.
us, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN *You're Called by Name*
#766 in **Wonder Love and Praise** (red & black hymnal)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Celebrant 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.

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. **Amen!**

May God, who hath bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. **Amen!**

May God, who hath given us, in the lives of the saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen!**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

#14 in the **Lift Every Voice and Sing** (red & black hymnal)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

St. Anthony's Chorale

Brahams

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