



The Episcopal Church of the Advent
May 12, 2026 Newsletter
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Sermon reflection from Fr. Tryggvi

As Easter draws near Pentecost, the Gospel turns to Jesus's farewell discourse in the Upper Room. Knowing his disciples are anxious about change and separation, Jesus promises they will not be left orphaned. He speaks of the coming Advocate, who is the Holy Spirit - the Spirit of Truth, and who will remain with them; and with us. Rather than persuading God to love or forgive humanity, the Advocate reminds us of the love God already has for us and the world, and teaches us how to live in that love toward one another.

The Advocate represents God before us, continually calling us back to Jesus's teachings: "Do not be afraid," "Love your neighbor," "Forgive," and "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there" ... and the Holy Spirit, She becomes visible whenever people embody selfless, compassionate love; the term of love we know in the Christian tradition as agape, which is love seeking to elevate the well-being of another without concern for personal gain.

On Mother's Day, this Gospel is fitting as we celebrate the mothers of the world, and celebrate through the witness of mothers and women who have embodied compassion, peace, and self-less love. The sermon recalls the origins of Mother's Day in the work of women like Anna Reeves Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe, whose ministries cared for the vulnerable and promoted basic human rights and reconciliation. Their lives reflected the kind of sacrificial love Jesus commanded us to live.

Questions for Contemplation:

- *How might the Holy Spirit be inviting me to embody more selfless and compassionate love in my daily relationships?*
- *Who in my life has revealed God's love to me through quiet acts of care, sacrifice, or peace-making, and how can I carry that witness forward?*

Peace, Tryggvi

Guest preacher this Sunday

We welcome Fr. Tryggvi's priest mentor, the Rev. John Porter and his wife Mary. Fr. John will preach at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM service.

Wednesday, June 3, Next "First Wednesday" Drop-in

Host: Becky Strickland

Address: 575 Village Road

Join your fellow parishioners and guests in a casual gathering from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Please bring a appetizer, snack, dessert, or beverage to share, and feel free to bring a guest.

Athens Choral Festival: "Elijah" concert

Saturday, May 30, 8:00 PM

Hugh Hodgson Concert Hall, Athens

Joseph Napoli, Conductor

Felix Mendelssohn's Elijah (1846) is a dramatic oratorio depicting the life of the Old Testament prophet Elijah, based on 1 Kings and 2 Kings. It tells the story of his battle against pagan worship, miraculous feats, persecution by Queen Jezebel, and ultimate ascension to heaven in a fiery chariot. The role of Elijah is sung by Jeremy Galyon, a wonderful bass who sang with us at Carnegie Hall in 2024. He has sung many concerts there and sings at several opera companies in the U.S. including the Metropolitan Opera in New York. We have 56 singers coming from eight states to perform this concert. It would be nice to have a contingent from Advent Church in attendance that night. O. J. Booker is singing in this concert. Tickets: \$15 and can be ordered here: <https://ugapac.venue.net/events/ACF> –**Joe Napoli**

Vestry meeting this Sunday

The Vestry will have its regular monthly meeting after the 10:30 service this next Sunday, May 17.

Rota for Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

LEM: 8:00 A.M. Shepherd—10:30 A.M.T Pridgen

1st Reading: B Pridgen

2nd Reading: Freyer

Altar Guild: Jackson-Lewis - Hawkins - Hilsman - Urena- Pike

Flower Guild: Crown

Organ Tech: Jackson-Lewis

Vestry of the Day: McNamara

Readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

[Link to Readings](#)

1st Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Parish Prayer List

Flossie Dodge, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Kathie Schmidt, Betty Thomas, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, Anita Hunt, Beth Tamplin Jones, Fr. Dann Brown, Jay Whitcomb, Jack Ward, Gloria Ward, Jack Leo, Eric Wiemann, Susan Crosher, Gloria Leo, Etwanda "Tink" Wade, Robert Boswell, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, Marcy Lay, Monterey Powers, June Harrell, Wayne Tankersley, Penny Lyle, Bobbie Rushing, Anna Maret

May Birthdays: **1** Matt Hurst, **2** Kate Smith Booker, **4** Poppy Grace Buck, **7** Zach Yost, **8** Gertrude Rainwater, Olivia Ramfos, **9** Beth Pridgen, **17** Charles Baldwin, IV, Rhodes Baldwin, **19** Pamela Hall, **22** Shelley MacMillan, **25** Luke Roman, **26** Lydia Adkins, **28** Brennan Easton, **29** Bill Kurtz, **30** Allison Lehman

Recurring weekly calendar

- Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM
- Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM
- Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM
- Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM
- Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon
- Madison AA group: Th, F, Su @ 7:00 PM

Volunteer for service: To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, [click this link!](#)

Pastoral Care Requests: email pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden
- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

Morgan County Transit System provides transportation to local addresses to include grocery stores, workplaces, doctors' appointments and others. \$2.00 per person/ \$1.75 for seniors 60 and over. Advanced reservations are required. For detailed information see <https://www.morgancountyga.gov/158/Public-Transportation>

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