



# Advent

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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January 28, 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

8:00 & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, providing worship to the Northwest Valley. Our service follows the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer* and includes lessons from scripture, intercessory prayer, hymns, a sermon, and the administration of Holy Communion, outlined in this bulletin. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "H" are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*; hymn numbers preceded by the letter "L" are found in the red and black hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Hymn

H 380

All standing, the Celebrant says

BCP 355

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

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  
Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Gloria (8:00 said; 10:00 sung to S-280)

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

### Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both  
in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications  
of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and  
ever. Amen.

### First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a  
prophet like me from among your own people; you shall  
heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of  
the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly  
when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any  
more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then  
the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have

said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from  
among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth  
of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I  
command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the  
prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold  
accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of  
other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word  
that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that  
prophet shall die."

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

P: Thanks be to God.

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



### Psalm 111 (8 AM said in unison. 10 AM, sung to S-415)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*

and his righteousness endures for ever.

<sup>4</sup> He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> He gives food to those who fear him; \*

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works \*

in giving them the lands of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*

all his commandments are sure.

<sup>8</sup> They stand fast for ever and ever, \*

because they are done in truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; \*

holy and awesome is his Name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*

those who act accordingly have a good

understanding; his praise endures for ever.

**The Epistle**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

R: *The Word of the Lord.* P: Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** H 437

*Remain standing*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [1:21-28]

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At

once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

D: *The Gospel of the Lord.* P: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** 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** Form IV BCP, 388

*Deacon or another leader*

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

*After the silence that follows each bidding, the leader then says*

Lord, in your mercy.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*Silence*

*After the prayers, the Celebrant says a concluding Collect.*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister 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.

*The priest stands and pronounces an absolution.*

**Peace**            *All standing, as able.*

*The Celebrant then says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**            And also with you.

*Maintaining a safe social distance, the Ministers and*

*People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Birthday, Anniversary & Travelers Blessing**

**The Offertory Sentence**            *Said by all*            (2 Cor. 9:7)

All that we are and all that we have comes from God.  
Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving,  
remembering that God loves a cheerful giver.

*The people stand as able while the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Altar.*

### **The Presentation and Blessing of the Gifts**

(8 AM) All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

(10 AM)                            *sung*                            *SCHUMANN*

We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er  
The gift may be; all that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord From Thee.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**                            *Eucharistic Prayer B*

**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.*

**Celebrant**            It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father  
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and  
on other occasions as appointed.*

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

**Sanctus**                            (8 AM said; 10 AM S-125)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven  
and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel; then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation... out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory,

**Celebrant**            And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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. *Amen.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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 Fraction Anthem

*A period of silence is kept*

(8 AM) Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed  
for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(10 AM) sung S-171

*A cantor sings the antiphon once, then the people sing it,  
and again after each verse.*

ANTIPHON: Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the Bread.

Cantor The bread which we break, *alleluia*,  
is the communion of the body of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor One body are we, *alleluia*,  
for though many we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy  
Communion. Please come to the altar rail when directed  
by an usher.*

*The People come forward single file, one at a time to  
receive the bread, and may intinct the bread in the  
chalice at the gate, returning to their seat after  
consuming it.*

**Communion Hymn** L 160

*After communion the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

**Closing Hymn** H 544

## Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

*The flowers on the altar today have been given  
in loving memory of  
Fran Scott by her daughter Dianne Adams.*



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