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JANUARY 31, 2024
 HOLY EUCHARIST ~ *RITE II* ~ 4:00 PM
 with *Healing Service*
 MARCELLA OF ROME
 MONASTIC AND SCHOLAR, 410

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, offering worship of The Episcopal Church to the Northwest Valley. Everyone is welcome to come in person or you can join us on-line on Advent's Facebook page or Advent's YouTube channel. Our worship follows the Holy Eucharist according to the *Book of Common Prayer* with a brief homily. Following the Litany of Healing, healing prayers will be offered for those who desire it. *We hope you enjoy the service!*

All standing, the Celebrant says BCP 355

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

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.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who satisfies the longing soul and fills the
 hungry with good things: Grant that we, like your
 servant Marcella, may hunger and thirst after you
 above the vain pomp and glory of the world, and delight
 in your word above all manner of riches; through Jesus
 Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now
 to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there;
 for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So
 he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to
 the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering
 sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little
 water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was
 going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a
 morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As
 the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a
 handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am
 now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go
 home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we
 may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be

afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a
 little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make
 something for yourself and your son. For thus says
 the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be
 emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that
 the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as
 Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household
 ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied,
 neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of
 the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

PSALM 124 Said in unison

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
 in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
 and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
 have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
 he has not given us over to be a prey for
 their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of
 the fowler; *
 the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.k

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MARK [12:41-44]

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched
 the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many
 rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came
 and put in two small copper coins, which are worth
 a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to
 them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in

more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

THE HOMILY

A LITANY OF HEALING

The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding. A Person appointed then leads the Litany

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with a suitable Collect

CONFESSION OF NEED

Instead of the Confession of Sin, the following confession of need may be used. The minister introduces the prayer with these or similar words

Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

Silence

Minister and People

Compassionate God,

we confess our weaknesses and our need for your strengthening touch.

We confess that some illnesses stem from our own fault, while others are beyond our control.

We turn to you, source of life,

and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ

for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

Minister

May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The minister may introduce the laying on of hands and anointing with these or similar words.

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

The minister then lays hands upon the person and anoints the person. Laypersons with a gift of healing may join the celebrant in extending hands in prayer at a second station. After all have been blessed, the following prayer is said:

Celebrant As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our loving God give you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of God's bounty, may your suffering be relieved, and your spirit, mind, and body restored to grace and peace. May all of us in the frailty of our flesh know God's healing and resurrecting power. *Amen.*

God of all mercy: help us who minister with the sick and dying to remember that though we may appear healthy, we, too, suffer from the universal human condition in a fallen world. Flesh withers, and we must all die to the life we know. Therefore, O God our help, teach us to be aware of our own infirmities, the better to make others understand they are not alone in their illness. Restore us all in the love of the holy and undivided Trinity which is our true health and salvation. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *All standing, as able.*

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

Maintaining proper social distance, the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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 then stand, as able.

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

SANCTUS *Celebrant and People*

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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People come forward single file, one at a time at each communion station to receive the bread and intinct the wine at the nearest chalice station. In place of the usual post-communion prayer, the following prayer is said

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father (P),
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Priest

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.



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Acknowledging the people of the land, the Hohokam and other indigenous people as the original stewards of this land, we give thanks for our ancestors, our elders, and for all indigenous people who pray for unity and peace today.