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January 5, 2022
 Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II ~ 4:00 PM
 with Healing Service
 Eve of The Epiphany

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, offering worship of The Episcopal Church to the Northwest Valley. Tonight's service is a combination of in-person and livestream worship on Advent's Facebook page or on 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, as able, the ministers enter BCP 355

Celebrant 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, by the leading of a star you manifested your only
 Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you
 now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your
 glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
 and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 for ever. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the
 Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth,
 and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon
 you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come
 to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift
 up your eyes and look around; they all gather together,
 they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and
 your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then
 you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and
 rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought
 to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A
 multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of
 Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They
 shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the
 praise of the Lord.

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 read in unison by all

- ¹ Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- ² That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure*
 from one generation to another.
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field*
 like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be
 no more.
- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
 and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- ¹¹ All kings shall bow down before him, *
 and all the nations do him service.
- ¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
 and the oppressed who has no helper.
- ¹³ He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
 he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
 *and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
 to Matthew [2:1-12]
Glory to you, Lord Christ

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in
 Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to
 Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born
 king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and
 have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard
 this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and
 calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the
 people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be
 born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has
 been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

The Homily

The Litany of Healing (See back of the bulletin.)

Celebrant Let us name before God those for whom we wish to pray.

A moment of silence is observed

Lector: Holy God, source of health and salvation,

Here and after each bidding, the People respond,

“Hear and have mercy.”

Following the Litany, the Celebrant says a concluding Collect. Those who wish to receive prayers for healing now come to the altar rail. The following anthem is said

Celebrant Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;

People Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

The Celebrant says the following blessing over those who are at the altar rail:

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Celebrant extends a hand upon each person and says a prayer of healing. Laypersons with a gift of healing may join the celebrant in laying on hands in prayer and anointing with oil at a second station. After all have been blessed, the following prayer is said:

Celebrant O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and

confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

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

Offerings of bread and wine, given by the People, are placed on the Altar. When all is ready, the people then stand.

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 your 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 ministers at the altar receive the Sacrament then deliver it to the People. The People come forward single file, one at a time to receive the bread, then to the lay minister for intinction, if desired, returning to their seat afterward. 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

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A Litany of Healing

Celebrant: Let us name before God those for whom we desire to pray.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding. The lector then leads the Litany.

Lector: Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, "Hear and have mercy."

Holy God, source of health and salvation,
Hear and have mercy.

Holy and Mighty, wellspring of abundant life,
Hear and have mercy.

Holy Immortal One, protector of the faithful,
Hear and have mercy.

Holy Trinity, the source of all wholeness,
Hear and have mercy.

Blessed Jesus, your Holy Name is medicine for healing and promise of eternal life,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, descendant of David, you healed all who came to you in faith,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, child of Mary, you embraced the world with your love,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, divine physician, you sent your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal in your name,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus our true mother, you feed us the milk of your compassion,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, Son of God, you take away our sin and make us whole,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, eternal Christ, your promised Spirit renews our hearts and minds,
Hear and have mercy.

Grant your grace to heal those who are sick, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give courage to all who await surgery, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Strengthen those who endure continual pain, and give them hope, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give rest to the weary, and hold the dying in your loving arms, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation and hope of Easter joy, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Uphold those who keep watch with the sick, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Hear and have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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