

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*.

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.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN H 58

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.

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 The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH [64: 1-9]

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

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(b. 1930)



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PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 (8 AM; in unison; 10 AM chant to S-415)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon
the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,
and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made
so strong for your self.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

A READING FROM THE 1ST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (1:3-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (10 AM only)

H 51

Deacon THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MARK [13:24-37]

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

SERMON Bishop Jennifer Reddall

(8:00) RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP, 292

(10:00) PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

Presenters I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human
being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for *these persons* who have
renewed their commitment to Christ.

A person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and
death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your
holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the
Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and
glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and
resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome
sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of
your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service.
Renew in these your servants the covenant you made
with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power
of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. *Amen.*

FOR RECEPTION

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy
catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into
the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.
AMEN.

FOR REAFFIRMATION

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in
you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his
kingdom. *Amen.*

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly
hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy
Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the
knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may
serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to
come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC *(10 AM only)*

*The people stand while the offerings are presented and
placed on the Altar. The people remain standing.*

PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS *(8:00 said)*

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

PRESENTATION ANTHEM *(10:00 sung by all)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer C*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop
or priest, faces them and says*

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 God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse
of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their
courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human
race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You
made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against
you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one
another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: (At 10 AM, S-130)

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 And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our forebears; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion (✠) make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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

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

10 AM sung

S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace. Give us your peace.

Celebrant 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10 AM only)

COMMUNION HYMN (10 AM only)

H 68

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

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
People The maker of heaven and earth.
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
People From this time forth for evermore.
Bishop And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and The Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *AMEN.*

CLOSING HYMN

H 616

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE