



Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2020  
8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, offering worship in the Episcopal tradition to the Northwest Valley. Our service follows the *Book of Common Prayer* which includes a sermon and the administration of Holy Communion as outlined in this service bulletin. Hymn numbers 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*. Following the 8:00 AM service please join us for Bible study in Paine Hall. Following the 10:00 AM service you are welcome to join us for food and fellowship in Paine Hall. *Thank you for being with us for worship today, and again: Welcome to Advent!*

Prelude (10:00am)

Welcome and Announcements

### Holy Eucharist

Opening Hymn

H 145

All standing, the Celebrant says

BCP 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant then says

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this; Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

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

Trisagion (8:00 said, 10:00 sung, 3x)

S 102

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture

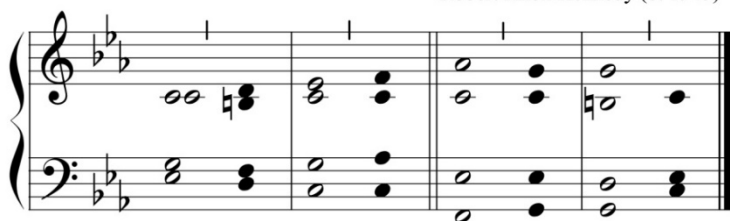
1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen

this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23** S 414

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
***I shall not be in want.***
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
***and leads me beside still waters.***
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
***and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.***
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
***for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
***you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.***
- †6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; \*  
***and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.***

**The Epistle** Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

**Sequence Hymn** H 490

**Gospel** (*The people remained seated.*)

*Today's Gospel will be told in reader's theatre fashion, honoring the storytelling-based origin of the Gospels. The teller introduces the story with the following or similar words:*

Teller This is a story about Jesus according to the Gospel of John.  
(9:1-41), p. 976 in pew Bible.)

*At the conclusion of the story, the teller says*

Teller This is the story of our people  
People ***And what a story it is!***

**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 III** BCP 387

**Peace** *(All Stand)*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessing**

**The Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem/Hymn**

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**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 Hymn** *(10:00 sung)* H 705 (Stz. 3)  
*(Tune: Kingsfold)*

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity. O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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** *(8:00 said, 10:00 sung)* S 124

*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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

*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**

8:00 said Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

10:00 sung S 161

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us.***

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Have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us peace.***

For receiving communion spiritually we offer the following prayer:

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your church where the blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you will come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you; let me live and die in your love. In your name I pray. ***Amen.***

**Communion Hymn** H 645

*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 493

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**



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