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Holy Eucharist ~ *Rite II* ~ 5:00 PM

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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; up to 90 persons are welcome or you can join us 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!

Prelude

All standing, the Celebrant says BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!***

The Celebrant says

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.**

Gloria

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 God, whose servant Anselm helped your church to understand its faith in your eternal Being, perfect justice, and saving mercy: Provide your church in all ages with devout and learned scholars and teachers, that we may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Romans 5:1–11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 139: 1-9

¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
***you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.***

² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁴ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew. [11:25-30]

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Litany of Healing (See insert...)

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.

The Celebrant now invites those who wish to receive prayers for healing to stand. The following anthem is said

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

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

The Celebrant says the following blessing over those who are standing:

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 now invites those who wish to receive prayers for healing to come one at a time, single file, and then extends hands over each person and says one of the following:

N., I extend my hands over you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. **Amen.**

Lay persons with a gift of healing may join the celebrant in the extending hands in prayer 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.**

It is traditional to omit the General Confession of Sin during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

Peace (All Stand) *The Celebrant says to the people*

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.

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.**

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 *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.***

In keeping with the tradition of the Early Church since the 4th Century, we invite you to stand—as you are able—throughout the Eucharistic prayer, and especially for the post-communion prayer.

The Celebrant continues

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.***

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.
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers at the altar receive the Sacrament and then deliver it to the People. The People come forward single file, one at a time at each communion station to receive the bread, returning to their seat before lifting their face mask to consume it.

Communion music

In place of the usual postcommunion 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

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***



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