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APRIL 23, 2025
HOLY EUCHARIST ~ *RITE II* ~ 4:00 PM
with Healing Service
WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

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 Deacon says BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and
for ever. Amen.

Deacon: 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.

Deacon Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Deacon Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his
disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our
faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at
the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And
a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would
lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful
Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering
the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into
the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently
at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed
his attention on them, expecting to receive something
from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but
what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of
Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the
right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet

and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and
began to walk, and he entered the temple with them,
walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw
him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as
the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful
Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and
amazement at what had happened to him.

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

Psalm 105:1-8 (said by half verse)

¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

³ Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

⁶ O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

⁷ He is the Lord our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

⁸ He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day, the first day of the week, two of
the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about
seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other
about all these things that had happened. While they
were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and
went with them, but their eyes were kept from
recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you
discussing with each other while you walk along?" They
stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name
was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in

Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

THE HOMILY

Maureen Haskell

A LITANY OF HEALING

The Deacon 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 Deacon 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 Deacon introduces the prayer with these or similar words

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

Silence

Deacon and People

Compassionate God,
we confess our weaknesses and our need for your
strengthening touch.

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.

Deacon

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 Deacon 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 Deacon 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:*

Deacon 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.*

Deacon 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 HOLY COMMUNION

THE people are invited to stand

THE OFFERTORY

The Deacon begins the Offertory

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from
heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and
the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.
For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I
in him." (John 6:51,55-56)

COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

*The Deacon reverently places the consecrated Sacrament on
the altar, and receives the tithes and offerings of the people
saying:*

Deacon: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through
Your goodness we have this Bread and this Wine which have
been consecrated and have become for us the Body and the
Blood of Christ.

People Blessed be God forever.

Deacon: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are
bold to say:

,People and Deacon

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 Deacon then genuflects. Taking the Bread and the
Cup, the Deacon raises them slightly over the altar and,
facing the people says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Deacon receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and
then immediately delivers them to the people.*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

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.

Deacon 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.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



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