

The 2nd Sunday of Easter ~ April 27, 2025 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

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" indicate they 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. Following the service, we welcome you to join us for food & fellowship in Paine Hall adjacent to the church. Thank you for joining us for worship today!

PRELUDE (10 AM only)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN (10 AM only)

Thine is the Glory

(Insert)

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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.

Hymn H 205

(vs.1)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES [5:27-32] When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest

to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us" But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

PSALM 150 (8 am said in unison; 10 am sung)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy <u>temple</u>; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

- 2 Praise him for his mighty <u>acts</u>; * praise him for his excellent <u>greatness</u>.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-<u>horn;</u> * praise him with lyre and <u>harp</u>.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and <u>dance</u>; * praise him with strings and <u>pipe</u>.
- 5 Praise him with resounding <u>cymbals</u>; * praise him with loud-clanging <u>cymbals</u>.
- 6 Let everything that has <u>breath</u> * praise the LORD. Halle<u>lujah</u>!

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN [1:4-8]

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by

his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

R: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

H 212

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John [20:19-31]

People Glo

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if your retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON Bruce Dockter

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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.

BCP 358

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

Leader That Christ's holy and lifegiving Resurrection may fill our lives with peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That the Church may boldly proclaim the Gospel and minister in love to all people. We pray especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, the clergy and lay leaders of this parish, and for guidance in calling a new Rector, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That the leaders of the world will work for justice and peace, and promote the dignity of every human being, and especially the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and all elected and appointed leaders in our nation, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That the peace of God which passes all understanding may comfort and strengthen the sick, the suffering, and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That the faithful departed may rest in

peace and rise in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

People Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of

our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE SERVICE OF ADMISSION TO THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

PEACE All standing, as able.

The Celebrant then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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.

The people stand as able while the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Altar.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The people remain standing.

THE PRESENTATION AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

(8 AM) All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

(10 AM) sung

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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

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.

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

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

10 AM *sung* S 158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and may add

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come to the altar rail when directed by an usher.

The People come forward single file, one at a time to a communion station to receive the bread, and may intinct the bread in the chalice at the gate, returning to their seat after consuming it.

COMMUNION HYMN

L 154

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 L 42

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.

POSTLUDE



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