



**April 28, 2021**

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

*Catherine of Siena*

*Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1380*

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 and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of thy love in the heart of your servant Catherine of Siena: Grant unto us the same strength of conviction and power of love that, as we rejoice in her triumph, we may profit by her example; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### First Lesson

1 John 1:5–2:2

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 36

<sup>1</sup> There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; \*

***there is no fear of God before his eyes.***

<sup>2</sup> He flatters himself in his own eyes \*

***that his hateful sin will not be found out.***

<sup>3</sup> The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful, \*

***he has left off acting wisely and doing good.***

<sup>4</sup> He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; \*

***he does not abhor that which is evil.***

<sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \*

***and your faithfulness to the clouds.***

<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; \*

***you save both man and beast, O LORD.***

- <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
***your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.***
- <sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
***you give them drink from the river of your delights.***
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life, \*  
***and in your light we see light.***
- <sup>10</sup> Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
***and your favor to those who are true of heart.***
- <sup>11</sup> Let not the foot of the proud come near me, \*  
***nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.***
- <sup>12</sup> See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! \*  
***they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. [12:22-31]

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."

*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.*

*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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