



# Advent

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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APRIL 30, 2025  
HOLY EUCHARIST ~ *RITE II* ~ 4:00 PM  
*with Healing Service*  
SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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.

GLORIA *Said in unison*

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

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Deacon Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you  
have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the  
Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that  
we may be firmly grounded in its truth; 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 Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the  
messenger who announces peace, who brings good news,  
who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God  
reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together

they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of  
the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you  
ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy  
arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of  
the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

**PSALM 2:7-10** *Said in unison*

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*

he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your  
inheritance \*

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod \*

and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> And now, you kings, be wise; \*

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

**A Reading of the Gospel according to Mark 1:1-15**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the  
Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See,  
I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will  
prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the  
wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his  
paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the  
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for  
the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole  
Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem  
were going out to him, and were baptized by him in  
the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was  
clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around  
his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He  
proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is  
coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and  
untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with  
water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

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



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